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HEAVY RAINS AGAIN HOLD UP WAR OPERATIONS IN ABYSSINIA



M. Albert Sarraut, the French Prime Minister, above, has been kept busy in Paris during the last few days with diplomatic conversations with foreign representatives.

HOW CANARDS ARISE FICTION MISTAKEN FOR ACTUAL FACTS STARTLING REVELATIONS IN PARIS

- CHINA MAIL - SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

Startling revelations about the ways in which international relations are maliciously poisoned and diabolical designs imputed against Germany without the faintest justification, are made by two well-known Paris publications, the political weekly "Vendredi" and the sports paper "L'Auto."



Mr. Walter Ruman, above, President of the Board of Trade, referred in the House of Commons on Thursday to the possible termination of the trade pact with Argentina, which was receiving the attention of the British Government.

ITALIANS ALLEGED SHORT OF FOOD 37 ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS ARRIVE AT ADDIS ABABA NIGHT RAIDS ON TRANSPORTS IN NEGELLI AREA

- CHINA MAIL - SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day.

Continued heavy rainfall is making operations on a large scale nearly impossible, according to the latest despatches. On the southern front, however, continued guerilla warfare is in progress, being carried out by isolated detachments of Ras Desta's troops, directed, under cover of the night, against Italian food and ammunition transports on the Negelli sector.

Owing to the length of the lines of communication these attacks are apparently meeting with success, it being asserted that the Italian troops at the front are already short of food.

The Italians take advantage of every dry interval to carry out aerial bombing attacks, dropping large quantities of bombs, but achieving apparently slight damage.

Some 37 anti-aircraft guns of Swiss manufacture have just arrived in the Abyssinian capital. These modern weapons have a calibre of 3.7 cm. and it is hoped that they will have the effect of reducing the Italian superiority regarding mechanised armaments.



The question of the return of the Archduke Otto of Hapsburg, above, to the throne of Austria is again the concern of the Chancelleries of Europe, following his recent visit to Paris.

POLITICS IN EUROPE Conversations In Paris AUSTRIA AND RESTORATION OF MONARCHY

Paris, To-day.

The meetings held by the representatives of the various Powers during the last few days have ended. There have been many contradictory statements as to the objects of the conversations, but it is understood that the main points of the talk have been the questions of Austria and Bulgaria.

Part of the conversations was persuasion of Bulgaria to join the Little Entente, while the question of Austria was slightly complicated by her desire to restore the monarchy eventually, which is objected to by the Little Entente.

There has been some anxiety on the part of Austria concerning her independence, for which she had mostly relied on Italy for support, but a result of the Paris conversations there may be closer collaboration between Austria and France and the Little Entente—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

OLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY England's Triumph Over Sweden CANADIANS CONTINUE IN WINNING VEIN

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, To-day.

The second series of Ice Hockey matches, played yesterday morning and afternoon took place under more favourable conditions than the previous ones, the snow having ceased to fall and the sun breaking through in the course of the day.

In the first match the Latvian team put up a plucky fight against the Canadians but were nevertheless defeated by 11 goals to 0.

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Ski Results

SCHONILSEN OF SWEDEN'S BEST TIME FOR COURSE

Garmisch-Partenkirchen: The first downhill ski-race in the Winter Olympic Games was held here yesterday, and of the 37 entrants 11 covered the course in less than 6 minutes, the best time being made by Schonilsen of Sweden, with 5 minutes 4 seconds.

He was followed by two German girls, Lisa Reisch and Kaethe Grassegger, with 5 minutes 8.4 and 10.6 seconds, respectively.

The men's race was won by the Norwegian Birger Ruud in 4 minutes 47.4/10 seconds.—Trans-Ocean Service.

LONDON NAVAL TALKS

Size Of Battleships Considered

London, To-day.

The Naval Conference has joined issue on the size of battleships. At a meeting of the sub-committee each delegation stated its qualitative desiderata. The United States requested a 35,000-ton battleship with 16-inch guns, but was willing to consider 14-inch guns and agreed not to construct 10,000-ton cruisers during the currency of any treaty reached. It also supported the British proposal for 2,000-ton submarines.

In effect all the four Powers agreed to practically everything except the battleship, which will be referred to the heads of the delegations for decision. Britain suggested a 25,000-ton battleship and France and Italy, 17,500 tons.—Reuter.

NEW REGIME IN INDIA

House Discusses Two Orders

First Steps Taken

London, To-day.

The House of Commons yesterday discussed two orders, the first of a series to be made under the Government of India Act. The two orders, taken together, mark the final stages in the establishment of the Provinces of Sind and Orissa with constitutions for an interim period.

In the course of his speech moving that the House approve the orders the Under-Secretary for India, Mr. R. A. Butler, said that the Secretary for India, Lord Zetland, was well satisfied with the progress which was being made with the work preliminary to bringing the new Indian Constitution into operation. Providing the forthcoming report of Sir Otto Niemeyer showed that there was no financial obstacle the Secretary for India hoped to be able before the summer recess to ask Parliament to consider bringing Part 3 of the Government of India Act reforming the Provincial constitutions, into operation early in 1937.—British Wireless Service.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE LEAVES SWITZERLAND

NEW GOVERNOR OF BANK OF POLAND

Government Appointments

FRANCO-RUMANIAN TRADE TREATY SIGNED

LEGISLATION ON MARRIAGE

Mr. A. P. Herbert's Proposals

London, To-day.

Mr. A. P. Herbert, Independent Member of Parliament for Oxford University, has introduced three bills into Parliament with reference to marriage, public entertainment and betting.

In the marriage bill he proposes that the grounds for divorce shall be desertion for three years, cruelty, habitual drunkenness and that one partner is mentally deranged or has had a death sentence commuted to life imprisonment.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NEW CASTLE LINER

Maiden Voyage To South Africa

London, To-day.

The newest liner on the South African run, the Sterling Castle, sailed on her maiden voyage from Portsmouth yesterday. All the woodwork on the ship is manufactured from African wood and she is the first liner to be fitted entirely with indirect lighting.

Among the passengers were Lord Clarendon, Governor-General of South Africa, and Lady Clarendon.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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NORTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING

Threatened Rate War Averted

Paris, To-day.

The threatened rate war in Atlantic shipping has probably been averted by the decision understood to have been practically reached at the North Atlantic Conference to make slight increases in the passenger rates on all Atlantic lines.

Following the objections by the other lines to the Cunard-White Star liner-Queen Mary being raised a "twin ship" whereby lower fares could be charged than for "first-class ships" the Cunard-White Star tendered its resignation from the conference.

The conference met to consider the matter in London last week and continued this week in Paris. The conference has not yet concluded, but a settlement of the controversy is believed to be in sight, which event the resignation will be cancelled.—Reuter.

MORE RIOTS IN SYRIA

Seven Deaths At Hama

RICH QUARTERS LOOTED

Beirut, To-day.

A recrudescence of the Nationalist trouble in Syria has resulted in seven deaths at Hama. About 35 members of the Government forces were injured when they were called to cope with a crowd of students and rowdies who, fired by incendiary speeches, stoned the public buildings and started looting the rich quarters. The bazaars in all the chief towns are closed.—Reuter.

EFFICIENCY MEDALS

Awards Published In "Gazette"

The Government Gazette states that in accordance with regulation 8 of the Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning the Efficiency Medal in regard to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, published as Notification No. 579 in the Gazette of August 2, 1935, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorise the following awards:

EFFICIENCY MEDAL AND CLASP
R. S. Major William Harold Edwards, M.B.E., C. Q. M. Sergeant Tom Bolt, and Piper Percival Douglas Wilson.—(Continued on Page 12)

LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY

Silver Prices Rise

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/3 1/4d.

"Spot" silver advanced to 19/9/16, and "forward" also advanced 7/16 to 19/9.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$-US\$5.02, as compared with \$-US\$5.01 1/2, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at \$-US\$5.02 1/2, as compared with \$-US\$5.01 1/2.

JAPANESE NAVAL MOVEMENTS

The Japanese cruiser Izumo returned from exercises at Blas Bay yesterday, and the Japanese gunboat Soga, with Admiral Oikawa on board, also returned from Canton yesterday. The two vessels met outside Green Island and the Admiral transferred his flag to the Izumo, by which vessel he then sailed probably for Formosa.

DEATH OF WELSH M. P.

London, to-day.—A by-election in the Llanelly division will be necessitated by the death yesterday at the age of 67 of Dr. J. H. Williams, who was returned unopposed as Labour member for the division at the last general election. Dr. Williams had represented Llanelly since 1922 and was Chairman of the Carmarthenshire County Council.—British Wireless Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

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Letters will be accepted at Hong Kong for transmission by the Chinese Domestic Air Mail Service from Canton to all places in China at the rate of \$1.00 per half ounce unit. The charge is inclusive of the regular postage.

BROADCASTING RECEIVING LICENCES, 1936

All Existing Licences expire on 31st December, 1935.

New Licences for 1936 will be available at the Government Radio Office, P. & O. Building, as from 1st January, 1936 and will be issued from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. against the receipt of a remittance of \$10.

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Somali Feb. 16

FROM SHANGHAI Feb. 8

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Patroclus Feb. 12

Sphinx Feb. 13

Pres. Hoover Feb. 13

Yusukuni Mar. 14

General Lee Feb. 14

FROM STRAITS & INDIA Feb. 10

Diomed Feb. 10

Teucer Feb. 10

Conte Verde Feb. 13

Fushimi Mar. 15

Kutsum Feb. 15

Ajax Feb. 16

Somali Feb. 16

Santhia Feb. 16

FROM U.S.A. Feb. 13

Pres. Hoover Feb. 14

General Lee Feb. 14

FROM MANILA Feb. 11

Changte Feb. 11

Pres. Taft Feb. 11

Tjikembang Feb. 15

Ajax Feb. 16

FROM JAPAN Feb. 10

Ginyo Mar. 10

Yusukuni Mar. 14

General Lee Feb. 14

Penang Mar. 14

Delagoa Mar. 15

FROM AUSTRALIA Feb. 11

Changte Feb. 11

OUTWARD MAILS FOR EUROPE Feb. 8

Chenonceaux (via Siberia) Feb. 8

Emp. of Canada (via Vancouver) Feb. 11

Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.

Sphinx (Air Orient Service) Feb. 11

Closes: Reg. 9 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.

Patroclus (via Marseilles) Feb. 11

Closes: Reg. 8.45 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.

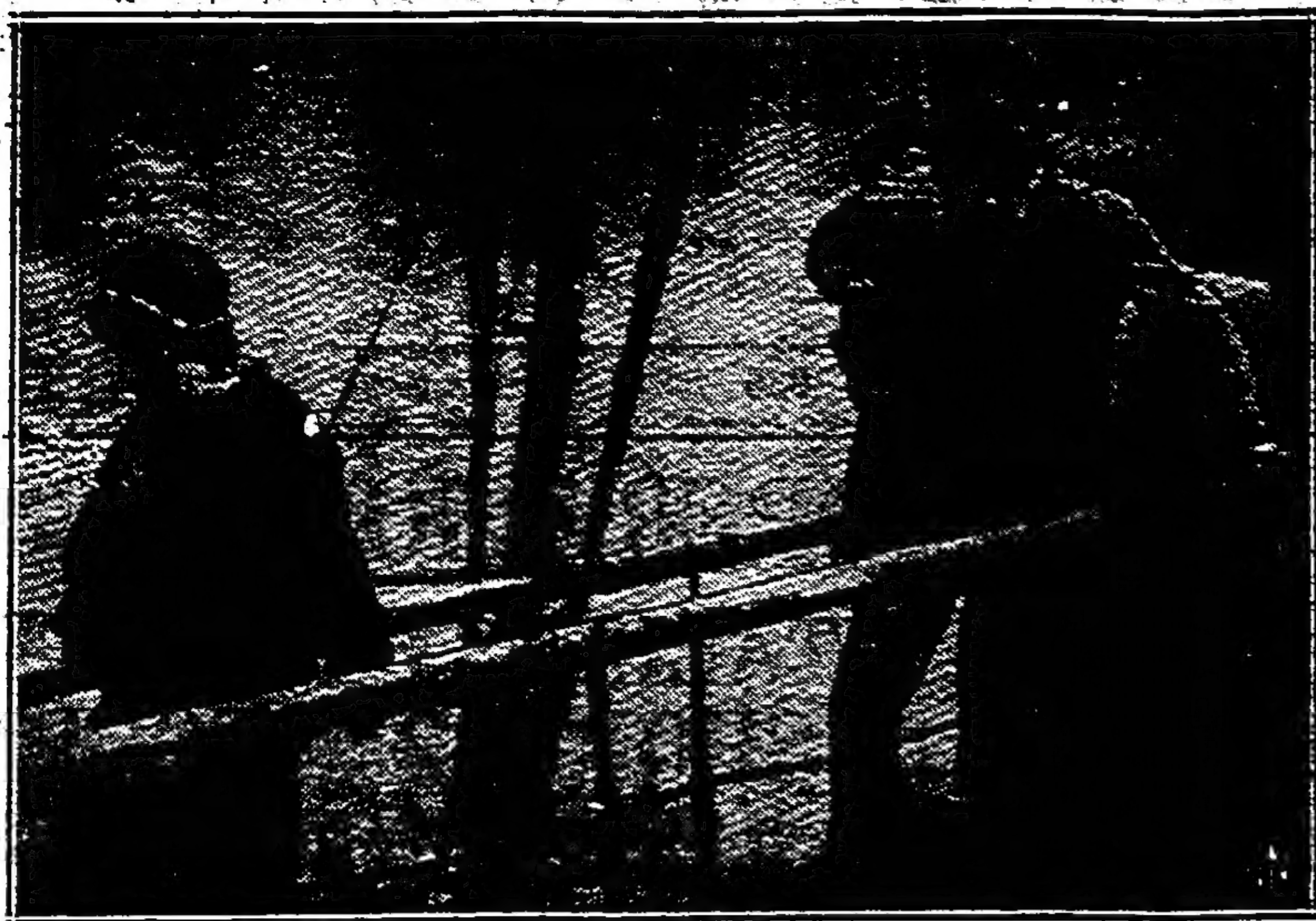
Pres. Taft (via San Francisco) Feb. 11

Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Conte Verde (via Siberia) Feb. 13

Yusukuni Mar. (Imperial Service) Feb. 14

Closes: Reg. Noon Ord. 12.30 p.m.



The Lindberghs are here seen landing at Liverpool from U.S. American Importer. Mrs. Lindbergh was in front, her husband carrying Jon, as they faced the tremendous and curious crowd which gathered to greet them, despite their hope of finding anonymity in England.



A quaint tucked "bib" edged with a pleated ruffle is used to trim this attractive black street frock worn by Betty Grable, screen actress. White embroidered daisies trim both the collar and the narrow cuffs. The pill-box hat is styled with a net visor.



While New York police dragged East River for the body of 10-month-old Jackie Horowitz they held Gertrude Friedmann (top left), ex-asylum inmate, as kidnapper. Mrs. Dina Horowitz, mother of Jackie, is shown below, and at the right are Mrs. Ester Maslin and her daughter Doris, 2, who was rescued from the crazed woman by her father.



A touch of the Swiss Alps is brought to this costume by the use of this novel Alpine hat on the head of Lucille Ball, the screen actress. The suit is tailored in brown gabardine with a hunter's green blouse of crushed velvet fastened with twin buttons of wood.



A new photograph of the convicted Bruno Hauptmann, who has been given 30 days' respite.



Mrs. Dwight Morrow, mother-in-law of Col. Lindbergh, and her daughter Constance followed the lead of the Lindberghs by sailing secretly for Europe. They are said to have received kidnap threats.



Mark O. Kimberly, warden of the Trenton, N.J., prison, addresses press representatives as he reads the list of those invited to witness the execution of Bruno Hauptmann.

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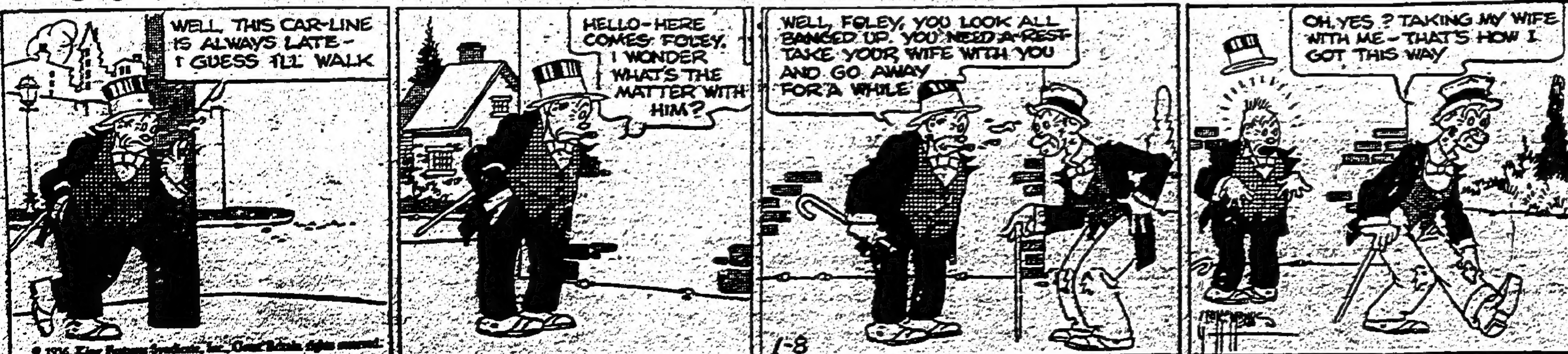
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Kowloon Peak 1,971

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 12th February, 1936, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER OF SHARE of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd February 1936 to WEDNESDAY, the 12th February, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. GRAPNELL,

Hong Kong, 27th January, 1936

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th February to SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1936.

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Amusements

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"THE LITTLEST REBEL"
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THEATRES

Irresistibly decked out in crinolines, sweeter, happier, and funnier than ever before, Shirley Temple returns to play her first great dramatic role in "The Littlest Rebel" in this picture. Adapted from the never-to-be-forgotten play, "The Littlest Rebel" presents Shirley Temple with the opportunity to act scenes of genuine pathos and drama which the marvellous child actress carries off in her usual easy manner.

The songs Shirley sings include that immortal favourite, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" and "Pooley Wolly Woodie," which was especially composed by Sidney Clare and B. G. DeSylva.

A series of tap dances, performed with her old partner, Bill Robinson, are among the high-spots of the picture. John Boles, Jack Holt and Karen Morley are prominent in the supporting cast of the picture, directed by David Butler.

"HE WAS HER MAN"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

The picture is said to be a highly dramatic story of a thoroughly unscrupulous underworld character who has a way with women and takes his love where he finds it. The role is enacted by James Cagney, with Joan Blondell playing the part of a woman of the streets, who is about to put her past behind her and marry a Portuguese fisherman when she becomes infatuated with this rogue with a magnetic personality.

Gagney, the arch villain, is about to double-cross the girl when members of the gang on whom he squealed catch up with him, and he does the one decent act of his life by going to his death without involving her.

Victory Jory has the role of the fisherman lover, while Frank Craven, Russell Hopton, Ralfe Harold, Sarah Padden, John Qualen, George Chandler and Samuel E. Hines are all featured in this film.

"I LIVE MY LIFE"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

This is a notable picture for two reasons at least. In the first place it serves to give Joan Crawford the best acting part she has had for some time, and secondly it enables Brian Aherne, an Englishman, to show that he is a leading man who will have to be reckoned with in the future. In this film he is cast as an archaeologist who is too busy with his job to trouble about love. When Joan Crawford arrives, in a private yacht, at the island where he is digging he does not change, as he takes her for one of the idle rich, and consequently a parasite. But when he learns that she is merely the owner's secretary he regards her with new interest—an interest that gradually develops into love.

"CARDINAL RICHELIEU"—STAR THEATRE

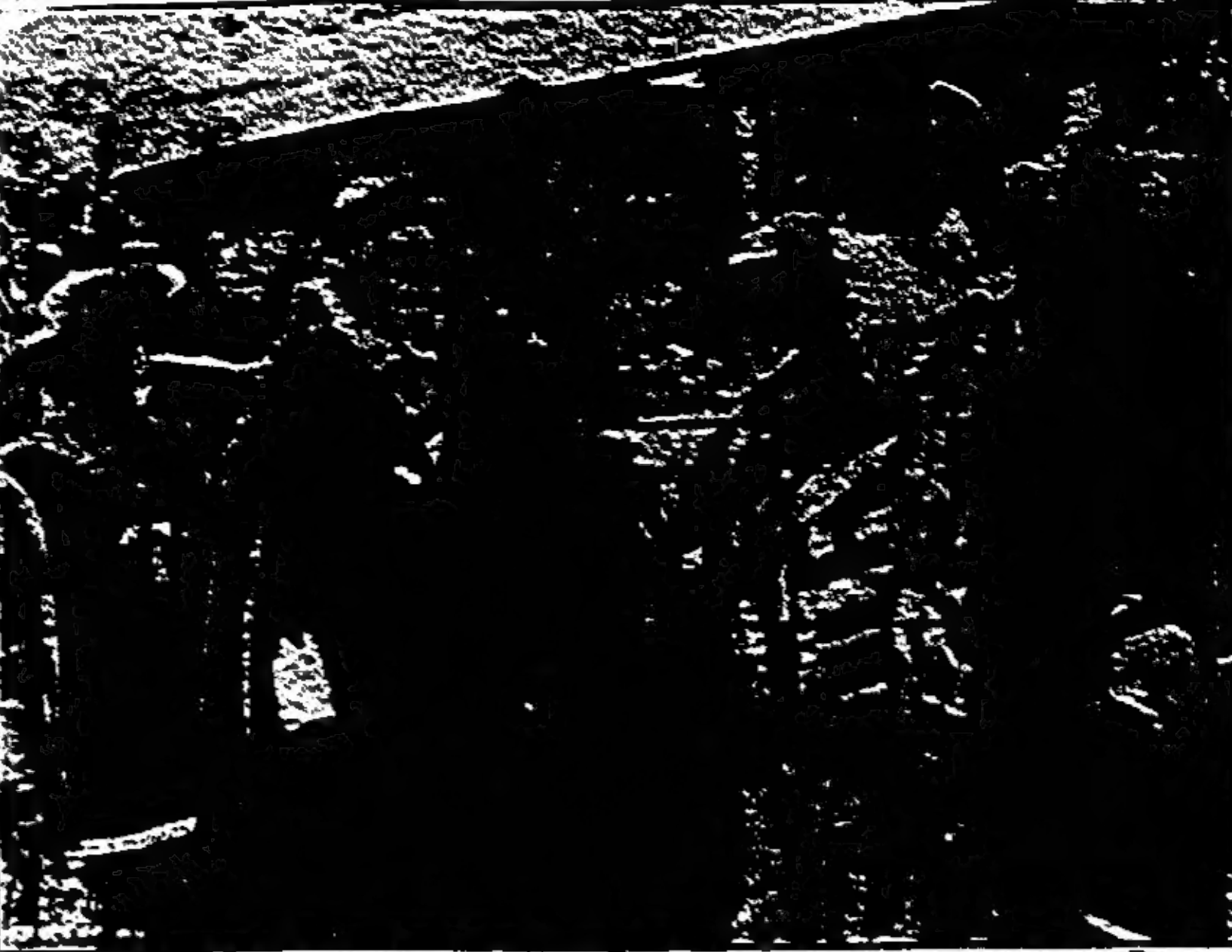
This picture marks the sixth of George Arliss' great historical screen characterisations. With this portrayal the red-robed prelate who stood behind the throne of Louis XIII of France takes his place beside Disraeli, Alexander Hamilton, Voltaire, Nathan Rothschild and the Duke of Wellington.

In this most recent and most pretentious effort, Arliss has the support of Maureen O'Sullivan, Edward Arnold, Francis Lister, Douglas Dumbrille, Cesar Romero, Violet Cooper, Kathryn Alexander, Lumsden Hare and Halliwell Hobbes.

The screen story was prepared by Cameron Rogers and Maude T. Howell and based on "Sir Edw. Butler-Lytton's famous play. W. P. Lipscomb wrote the dialogue. Rowland V. Lee handled the megaphone on this Joseph M. Schenck presentation, released through United Artists.

"SHE"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

For fifty years, readers of fiction have been intrigued by an amazing story in which mortal man discovers the name of



A scene from "Cardinal Richelieu" which is now being shown at the Star Theatre.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

"Spirit" The Subject

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONG KONG

The subject of the lesson Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, to-morrow, February 9, will be: "Spirit".

The Golden Text will be: "The Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God." (1 Corinthians 2:10).

Among others the following citations from the Bible will be read: "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

"I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord: and I will heal him."

"It is the Spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63).

Footsteps Of Truth

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:

"The Bible teaches transformation of the body by the renewal of spirit. One's aim, a point beyond faith, should be to find the footsteps of Truth, the way to health and holiness. We should strive to reach the Holy height where God is revealed: and the corner-stone of all spiritual building is purity. The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart see God and are approaching spiritual life and its demonstration. It is 'easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle,' than for sinful beliefs to enter the kingdom of heaven, eternal harmony. Through repentance, spiritual baptism, and regeneration, mortals put off their material beliefs and false individuality. It is only a question of time when 'they shall all know Me (God), from the least of them unto the greatest.' Denial of the claims of matter is a great step towards the joys of Spirit, towards human freedom and the final triumph over the body." (Page 241).

eternal youth and stands upon the threshold of immortality only to turn back. The tale, conceived by one of the highly imaginative minds of literary history, is one of the strangest love stories ever written, one in which a man chooses between a mortal woman and an immortal queen who offers him endless youth. "She," based upon the H. Rider Haggard novel of the same name, is said to be one of the most gripping spectacle pictures ever filmed.

In the filming of the Haggard story EKO Radio spared nothing in the creation of the fabulous kingdom of Kor. It has no known counterpart in archaeological history. Its language, customs, clothing, domestic utensils, musical instruments, fighting implements, and architecture have sprung entirely from men's inventive genius and are featured with an investment that challenges the scenic splendour of the screen's most ambitious achievements.

The function will be presided over by the Portuguese Consul-General and among the artists who will appear are Miss Marie Gomes, Madame A. Marques and Mr. Gus Aquino, P. N. Sequeira's Orchestra and the Moonlight Melodians.

Two plays, entitled "Two Babies" and "An Idiotic Servant of a Reverend Father," will be presented, the following taking part: Mesdames J. A. de Almeida and Armalia Marques, Messrs. S. Pinna, J. H. Almeida, F. Fernandes, Roberto Paris and A. Botelho.

ROYAL GRATITUDE

Hong Kong Thanked For Kind Wishes

The following two letters have been received by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E., from Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Crown Colonies:

Downing Street,
December 19, 1935.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram No. 274 of the 5th of November conveying a message of congratulation from the community of Hong Kong on the occasion of the wedding of His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester.

His Royal Highness desires me to convey to you an expression of his appreciation of the terms of the message.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

(Signed) J. H. THOMAS.

Late King's Gratitude

Downing Street,
December 19, 1935.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram No. 275 of the 5th of November conveying a message of congratulation from the members of the consular body of Hong Kong on the occasion of the wedding of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

His Majesty the King and Their Royal Highnesses desire me to request you to convey to the senders an expression of their appreciation of the terms of the message.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

(Signed) J. H. THOMAS.

PORTUGUESE CLUB CONCERT

Two Plays To Be Presented

INTERESTING PROGRAMME ARRANGED

A very varied and interesting programme has been arranged for the Concert to-night at the Club de Recreio by the Liga Portuguesa. There will be no admission charge, but a collection will be made after the concert which will go to the "Caixa Escolar," the fund out of which needy Portuguese children are assisted with their schooling.

The function will be presided over by the Portuguese Consul-General and among the artists who will appear are Miss Marie Gomes, Madame A. Marques and Mr. Gus Aquino, P. N. Sequeira's Orchestra and the Moonlight Melodians.

Two plays, entitled "Two Babies" and "An Idiotic Servant of a Reverend Father," will be presented, the following taking part: Mesdames J. A. de Almeida and Armalia Marques, Messrs. S. Pinna, J. H. Almeida, F. Fernandes, Roberto Paris and A. Botelho.

Street Sleepers Society Report

The following is a report of the Capacity—158. Total sleepers—1104. Turned away—3. Nathan Road (Kowloon) Capacity—100. Total sleepers—769. Turned away—3. Fifty additional beds are being installed in the Kowloon shelter and will be brought into use next week.

BRIDGE NOTES

Hurdling The Pre-emptive Bid
By Ely Colbertson

Many methods have been devised for reaching games and slams after an opponent has made a pre-emptive bid. These methods—the forcing notrump overcall and the co-operative double, particularly—are very effective. Nevertheless there can be no question but that an opening bid of four seriously hampers the other side in its bidding. The four-bid cuts off two or three valuable rounds of bidding in which information could be exchanged by the partners who hold most of the high cards.

Effective

The most effective pre-emptive bid is made on a hand of freak distribution but conspicuous shortage of honour-tricks. To a pre-emptive bid probably can be credited the excellent results obtained by North and South in the deal below:

South, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

S J 7 6 3

H K 4

D 8 6 3

C A 7 5 4

S A 10 4 2 N S K Q 9 5

H J 7 W F H A D

D A 5 S D K 2 7 4 2

C K Q J 10 9 6 C 8 2

S 8

H Q 10 9 7 6 5 3 2

D Q J 10

C 3

The bidding:

South West North East

4 H 5 C Pass Pass

Pass

South's bid of four hearts is sound, though he holds neither an Ace nor a King. Almost invariably a hand such as South's will take seven tricks by itself, so the maximum possible set is 500 points and with any assistance from North, a one or two-trick set may be the maximum.

West was in a difficult situation after the four-heart bid. He did not wish to bid four notrump because he was not prepared for a response of five diamonds. The five-club bid was his only alternative and, as a matter of fact, that was a very dangerous bid considering West's vulnerability.

Had North, for example, held East's cards, West could have been defeated 500 points.

It would not have been unsound for East to raise West's five-club bid to six, largely because he had no support for the club suit. The principal reason for the success of pre-emptive bids lies in creating just such uncertainty in the minds of opponents. Had South not made his pre-emptive opening bid, East and West probably would have reached a small slam on the following bidding:

West East

1 C 1 D

1 S 3 S

4 C 4 S

4 NT 5 H

6 C

Once West had been able to open the bidding and East to respond, no overcall by South could have prevented their bidding correctly. Over one diamond South would bid four hearts. West could now bid four spades because, having shown his club suit, he would not be giving false information as to the spade strength.

COLLISION ON WAY TO FIRE

A Salvage Corps tender, going to a fire in Dover-street, W., collided in the Strand with an omnibus, which was badly damaged.

LIFEBOAT TOO BIG

The exhaust funnel of Crother's new motor lifeboat had to be shortened by 2ft. before it could enter the dockhouse on arrival from Ceylon.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.A.).

Relay from Deventry of Rugby Union Football Match

Recorded Programme

12.30 p.m.—European Programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.

2.15 p.m.—Close House.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—12.15 a.m.—European Programme.

7.15 p.m.—"Casse Noisette" Suite (Tchaikovsky).

7.55 p.m.—"The Song" (Helen).

8.15 p.m.—"The Dabney" (Milkovich).

8.30 p.m.—"Heddie Nash" (Tenn).

8.45 p.m.—"Merrie England" (German).

9.15 p.m.—"The Maid of the Mountains" (Fraser-Simson).

9.30 p.m.—Helene Esserman (Soprano).

Musical Comedy Selection.

Garcia Hall and George Baker.

Three Wishes—"The Good Companions".

Let me give my happiness to you—"The Good Companions".

7.55 p.m.—"A Bonquet for Cole Porter" played by Arthur Young (Piano) and the Youngsters.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.55-9.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

The Frolicsome Hare.

Dance of the Icicles.

Faeries in the Moon-Intermezzo.

Ente-acte (Diving).

An hour with you.

Talking Film Memories.

Romantic Waltz-Melody.

Sweet Memories.

8.15-9 p.m.—Yocal Variety.

Lonely Gondolier—"Broadway Gondolier".

Dick Powell.

Kiss Me Goodnight.

A Little Dash of Dainty—Per of Old Dumpy?

Anna Naiside (Soprano).

Where the Arches used to be—Flanagan and Allen.

Through the Doorway of Dreams—"Big Broadcast of 1936".

Allye Blue Gown.

Jessica Dragonette (Soprano).

Fancy Our Meeting—"That's a Good Girl".

Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph.

Whenever I think of you—Leslie Hutchinson.

I'm on a See-Saw—"Bill Daring".

Louise Browne and John Mills.

9.30 p.m.—Band Music.

El Abanico March (arr. Hume).

Under the Banner of Victory—"The Lion".

The Old Hong Fond—Characteristic (Alford).

Parade of the Elephants—Characteristic (Chenette).

Belphegor—Quick March (Bersani).

Marche Lorraine (Ganne).

Sing a Song (Lies).

March of the Mountain Gnomes (Ellenberg).

9.30-9.45 p.m.—A Relay of the Deventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Deventry).

10 a.m.—Big Ben.

9.45-11.45 a.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

11.45 p.m.—12.15 a.m.—A Relay from Deventry.

Ireland v England. A running commentary on the International Rugby



Sporting Page



"RED-LETTER DAY" TO-DAY IN ANNALS OF HONG KONG RUGBY

GOVERNOR'S CUP FOR FEDERATION?

MANY LOOPHOLES IN ASSOCIATION TEAM

CHINESE ONE GAME AHEAD LOSS WILL MEAN REPLAY:

(By "Rover")

BECAUSE the Chinese Federation have never won the trophy and because to-day's encounter will probably decide whether they do or do not inscribe their name on it, their Governor's Cup Second Round encounter against the Hong Kong Football Association at Caroline Hill will probably draw a tremendous gathering and incidentally provide some thrilling soccer.

Although the Association team is fairly strong, it could have been improved by the inclusion of Rodger in goal, Pile at left-back, and Bliss in the pivotal position. Bliss has not really been given an opportunity of displaying his talent in a representative game for quite a time and it is up to those responsible for selecting the best possible team to forget "their own little lot" and really settle down to their task.

The Chinese have made an excellent job of their selection, and the mere fact that two Athletic players, Mak Shui-hon and Lai Kwok-chiu, have been included in the side speaks volumes for their organization and foresight.

NO SENIOR LEAGUE SOCCER CLASHES TO-DAY

But Interesting Card To-morrow

NAVY'S BIG TASK AGAINST EASTERN

The only League games for this afternoon are in the Second Division and, with the exception of the game between the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the Radio Sports Club, the results of the games will have no bearing on the Championship.

No less than five First Division games are being played to-morrow, the most interesting of which should be those between the Police and the Athletic, and the return encounter between the Rifles and South China "B."

The Police are in a strong position for the runners-up honours. Moss and Brooks will find Fu Kar-ying a great obstacle, while Lai Kwok Chui, in front of him, is also playing well. Johnson is now displaying brilliant form and much well depend on him.

Rifles Should Win

In their last meeting the Rifles were somewhat unlucky not to win against South China and in their clash to-morrow will probably be the first team to lower the Chinese colours. Pau Kaping is a doubtful starter, Leung In Chan and Lee Kam are both on the injured list, and Lee Shek-yau, their left-winger has left for Shanghai.

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ENORMOUS ENTRIES FOR OLYMPIAD

Three Times Number Of Los Angeles

Berlin. Entries for the Olympiad are so far in advance of expectations that the organising Committee has a considerably greater number of competitors to cope with than was originally anticipated.

At the moment there are 3,200 entries from 21 countries, with the notifications from 23 additional nations still pending.

A fairly safe estimate raises participants to 3,300, which is roughly three times that of the 1932 Los Angeles games. Trans-Ocean Service.



Some of Europe's fairest fancy skaters secured an advantage over their American competitors by working out considerably earlier at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, for the coming Olympic tests there. Left to right are Sonja Henie of Norway, world champion; Liselotte Landbeck of Austria and Maxie Herber of Germany.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS FINALS

ADVERTISING THE BERLIN GAMES

Australia Show Us The Way

A unique advertising campaign for the Olympic Games 1936 was carried out in Australia. For instance at the Melbourne Games, the legend "Olympic Games Berlin 1936" appeared in huge letters in the sky. This impressive advertisement was not carried out by the so-called "sky-writers," but formed by solid letters connected to one another and held together in the sky by means of kites—Trans-Ocean Service.

MISS HANCOCK BEATS CHAMPION IN STRAIGHT SETS

Sensation Provided At U.S.R.C.

BUT MRS. WILSON FAVOURED TO WIN TITLE

(By "REFEREE")

Miss Rosemond Hancock entered the Final of the Colony Ladies' Singles Lawn Tennis Championship for the second time in her career when she sensationally beat Mrs. J. P. F. Kayll, the holder, by 7-5, 6-4 after an inspired display at the U.S.R.C. yesterday.

In the other semi-final Mrs. N. Wilson, the former Scottish girl champion, easily beat Mrs. W. E. B. Dowling, winning by 6-1, 6-1.

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TWO BRAUN CUP MATCHES

D.G.S. Should Beat C.B.A.

Two games in the Braun Cup competition are down for decision this afternoon, one of them being the postponed first round fixture between the Hong Kong Ladies and the Central British School. This will take place at Happy Valley, 3 p.m., and, though the Hong Kong Ladies are expected to win, the schoolgirls may be depended upon to put up a good game, especially as they have a very fast combination. In the other game, on the C.B.A. ground, the Diocesan Girls' School, favourites for the championship, should beat C.B.A.

COLONY LADIES' OPEN DOUBLES AT THE U.S.R.C.

Club Championship Also To Be Decided

EXCITING MATCHES EXPECTED

Weather permitting, some very good tennis should be witnessed on the United Services Recreation Club courts this afternoon, when L. Goldman, holder, meets Major R. L. Withington in the Final of the U.S.R.C. Singles championship.

Following this, probably the best sport of the afternoon will be provided when Mrs. J. P. F. Kayll and Mrs. W. E. B. Dowling (U.S.R.C.) meet Mrs. N. Wilson and Miss R. Hancock (U.S.R.C.) in the Final of the Colony Ladies' Open Doubles Championship.

Although the former pair are favourites for the event, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Hancock are more than likely to extend them. Mrs. Wilson is one of the few players who use their heads, and with Miss Hancock maintaining her brilliant form, there is every possibility of an upset.

Holder Should Win

In the Men's Singles Goldman should win, although he will be fully extended by Withington, who did remarkably well to eliminate Capt. J. D. Milne in the Semi-Final Round.

Goldman's overwhelming victory over Sullivan by 6-2, 6-1 came as a surprise as it was anticipated that the latter would extend the holder to three sets. The Men's Singles will commence at 3.30 p.m. and will be followed immediately afterwards by the Ladies' Doubles.

COLONY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

Lewis Beats Lee By 52 Points

Three fixtures in the Junior Billiards Championship were played off last night, when at the Club Lasitana A. A. Lewis defeated R. E. Lee by 300 points to 248. Mui Chan-jeo beat F. R. Zimmerman by 300 points to 208 at the Civil Service Cricket Club, while Lam Ka-chuen lost to Sydney Chan at the Club de Recreio by 257 points to 300. The highest break, a 41, was chalked up by Mui Chan-jeo.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

ENGLAND, IRELAND AND SCOTLAND AND WALES

WELL-BALANCED TEAMS

(By "Referee")

TO-DAY is a "Red-Letter" day in the annals of Rugby in the Colony, as the first round of the first local International series to be held in Hong Kong, between England and Ireland, and Wales and Scotland and the Dominions, takes place on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, commencing at 3 and 4.15 p.m., respectively.

The teams are fairly well matched, although the Scotland and the Dominions team have a fine threequarter line, backed up by a fine pair of halves in Hutchinson and Bonnar, while England's back division is also likely to be very much in the limelight.

The curious part of the four teams is that the packs are very good, so much so, in fact, that each in turn could be taken for a representative Colony eight. England, however, have the best combination with Harrison, Chambers hooking and Mue. Light, as the front row, Puddicombe and Robinson in the second row, and L/Cpl. Harrison, Winter and Peers in the back row!

Scotland and the Dominions will probably find that their pack, although fairly good, will not be able to withstand the assault of the other combinations.

Ireland's Fast Backs

Ireland also have a fine back division with Kirkwood, Gallagher, Fraser and Hynes, a very fast quartette, while Archer and Knox should combine well at the base of the scrum.

The Irish pack is a formidable one, including such Triangular Tournament players as Lincoln (Army), Gillespie (Army), Cullinan (Army), McElaney (Club), McGugan (Club) and Cooper (Navy).

The Teams

The selected teams are:—England—L. G. Robertson; Lt. Withers (Army), P. C. Frost (Club), Sgt. Lieut. Benson (Navy), A. R. Rose (Navy); A. B. Loxham (Navy), Lieut. Hamilton (Army); Lt. Harrison (Army), G. S. Chambers (Club), Marine Light (Navy), Sig. Puddicombe (Navy), Lt. Robinson (Navy), L/Cpl. Harrison (Army), Lt. Winter (Navy), W. E. Peers (Club). Reserves—G. S. Wilson (Club), L. J. A. Feilden (Club), A. E. Burrows (Navy), A. E. Woodman (Navy).

Scotland and Dominions—Lt. E. B. McGilchrist (Club), Lt. St. Clair Ford (Navy), Stoker Warren (Navy), Sub. Lieut. Wright (Navy); J. Hutchinson (Club), J. L. Bonnar (Club); M. S. Cumming (Club), J. S. Drumett (Club), S. E. Garrod (Club), M. W. Scott (Club), Ldg. Sea. Bell (Navy), E. B. Cammell (Club), A. D. Coppin (Club), Lt. Chapman (Navy).

Reserves—F. C. B. Black (Club), Rev. Mackenzie Dow (Club), Comdr. Orr Ewing (Navy). Ireland—L/Cpl. Wall (Army); Surge. Lt. Kirkwood (Navy), B. J. Gallagher (Club), Lieut. Fraser (Navy), D. A. Hynes (Club); C. S. Archer (Club), Lt. Knox (Navy); Lieut. Lincoln (Army), Edna Gibbins (Army), Capt. Gillespie (Army), Sqr. Gullinan (Army), J. H. McElaney (Club), P. J. McGugan (Club), R. D. G. Barlow (Club), Lt. Cooper (Navy).

Reserves—E. Hynes (Club), G. Crick (Club). Wales—Fus. Process (Army); L. Cpl. Jones (Army), A. N. O'Her, R. H. Griffiths (Club), E. Edwards (Club), Fus. Floyd (Army), Drmr. Evans (Army), A. F. Walker (Club), E. P. Humphreys (Club), Fus. Morgan (Army), A. B. Evans (Navy), Fus. Cheney (Army), Gar. Wright (Army), L/Cpl. Bebb (Army).

THE FANLING HUNT

The Master of the Fanling Hunt has advised us that as Meetings on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock are inconvenient for a number of people wishing to hunt, he has altered the time of the Sunday meets to 3 o'clock. This means that both the Wednesday and Sunday Meets will now be at 3 o'clock.



By winning points in all speed skating distances up to 330 yards in the Middle-Atlantic championships, Kit Klein, the fleet Buffalo, New York, girl, won her place on the United States Olympic winter sports team. She gives promise of putting up a strong fight for points against her foreign opponents.

INTERNATIONAL AERIAL FLIGHT TO BERLIN

To Commemorate The Olympic Games

Berlin. The Olympic Organisation Committee has instructed the German Aero Club to organise an international flight to Berlin, in connection with the Berlin Olympiad. The meeting of those taking part has been arranged for July 30.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CORRESPONDENCE

"UNOMEE'S CLUB SIDE UNDER A BARRAGE"

Pennell Misplaced As Left Wing

RICHALMANN AND WISHART RECEIVE NO MENTION

(To The Editor, "China Mail")

Sir,—I noticed with considerable interest the article which appeared in yesterday's issue of the China Mail sports page under the heading "Best H.K. Football Club Team Over Period of 25 Years," and, while agreeing with "Unomee" that several of his selections would be hard to beat by present day players, I disagree on certain other selections.

First of all, though George Rodger is undoubtedly a brilliant goalkeeper, and the best in the Colony to-day, he cannot compare with the performances given by his brother Jack Rogers, when the latter played in goal before leaving for an outfield position.

The Right Back

Then again I disagree that Hamilton was the ideal right-back and in my opinion, (and I played soccer in the Colony at that time and against the Club "Jock" McCobbin, who is mentioned in yesterday's article, was a far better defender and very rarely put a wrong foot forward. The latter is still the finest civilian back I have ever seen in the Colony. I agree that "Dye" Black was and still is the best left-back and that Jackie Pote-Hunt and Stewart secure the right-half and pivotal positions.

However, I have another choice for the left-half position and sincerely suggest that Manning Ballton at his best had little or no equal for that berth.

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FIRE BRIGADE SUSTAIN THEIR FIRST DEFEAT

C.R.C. Triumph By 6 To 3 Margin

KOWLOON TONG CLUB RECORD FIRST WIN

The Fire Brigade Recreation Club sustained their first defeat in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last night when they lost to Chinese Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3 at the Central Police Station.

The Kowloon Tong Club recorded their first win by beating the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by 6 sets to 3 at Wanchai.

St. Andrew's Club were outplayed by St. John's Club, who won by 7 sets to 2 at St. John's Church Hall.

Detailed results of the three games were as follows:—

Saints Lose To St. John's
At St. John's Church Hall last night, the St. John's Club beat the St. Andrew's Club by 7 sets to 2.—F. H. Kwok and Miss M. Smith (St. John's) beat E. P. Fincher and Miss M. Churn 21-12, 21-13, 21-13.
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PRESS CRICKET TEAM

To Play Against Royal Navy

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Press in a friendly cricket match against the Royal Navy first eleven on Sunday, February 16, at King's Park, commencing at 1.30 p.m.:—E. C. Fincher (Daily Press) (Capt.); F. D. Pereira (S.C.M. Post), G. C. Burnett (China Mail), A. T. Lee (Daily Press), Y. el Arculli (H.K. Telegraph), A. M. Omar (S.C.M. Post), J. R. Luke (S.C.M. Post), N. A. E. Mackay (Daily Press), F. M. el Arculli (China Mail), C. Angus (Daily Press) and S. MacNider (Daily Press).

LOCAL RUGBY SEVENS

The Hong Kong Football Club are organising a Seven-Side Rugby Tournament in aid of Charity (i.e. Naval, Military and Civilian Charities). The preliminary round will be played on the evening of Wednesday March 6, and the last eight teams will play off on Saturday March 7. All the matches will be played on the Club ground.

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K.C.C. SHOULD RUN UP BIG TOTAL TO-DAY

CRICKET NEWS FROM
NEAR AND FAR

THE Australian touring cricket team made a good start in their three-day match against Bengal and Assam at Calcutta. After dismissing the home side for 136 on an excellent turf wicket they hit up 70 for 1 before stumps were drawn.

Included in the Bengal and Assam team were T. C. Longfield, the old Cambridge Blue and Kent cricketer, and A. L. Hosie, the former Hampshire county player. They were out for 6 and 9 respectively.

DOUBLE COLLAPSE

A STICKY pitch caused some remarkable cricket in the second Test match at Calcutta.

J. Ryder won the toss and put the Indians in, and the India 23 were out for 43 in under two hours, chiefly through some fine bowling by the 49-year-old C. G. Macartney, who took five for 17, and R. E. Oxenham, who took the last five for 7.

The Australians fared almost as badly. At tea they were 22 for 4, but then collapsed, sensationally and were all out for 99, the last six wickets going down for 29; Mohammed Nissar took six for 35.

NOURSE'S TEST RECORD

A. D. NOURSE, the brilliant South African batsman, set up a new Test cricket record for South Africa in scoring 231 against Australia in the second Test match at Johannesburg.

The previous best was 204 by G. A. Faulkner at Melbourne in 1910-1911.

While Nicholson played a purely defensive innings, Nourse flashed out many magnificent scoring strokes, particularly to the offside, and treated the Australian attack of Grimmett, O'Reilly, Fleetwood-Smith, and McCormick with such little respect that it was seldom any man was able to bowl a length to him.

Nourse hit 35 4's in an innings which lasted five hours, and he did not give a real chance.

GILBERT BOWLS BUMPERS

EDDIE GILBERT'S bumping deliveries and an innings of 201 by A. Marks featured the third day's play in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and Queensland at Sydney.

Gilbert made the ball get up awkwardly, and both H. Mudge and R. Robinson retired with split fingers. Robinson returned later to complete his innings, but Mudge was unable to do so.

Queensland had been dismissed for 344, and New South Wales went in again 22 runs ahead on the first innings. After the accidents to Mudge and Robinson, A. Marks set about the bowling and scored 201. He was most severe on Gilbert, whose fast deliveries he hooked to the boundary in vicious style.

BALASKAS BREAKS SPELL

AUSTRALIA'S opening batsmen, J. H. Fingleton and W. A. Brown, who both scored centuries, laid the foundation of what promised to be a huge score by putting on 233 runs against South Africa when play was begun in the third Test match at Newlands.

The South Africans, however, of whom X. Balaskas, the googly bowler, was outstanding after striking his length, stuck grimly to their task and turned the game by capturing 8 wickets for 129 runs. Australia were 362 for 8 when stumps were drawn.

HAMPSHIRE SEC. HONOUR

M. G. H. Muir, the retiring secretary of the Hampshire County Cricket Club, has received an engraved silver cigarette box from Mr. W. Findlay, secretary of M.C.C., Mr. R. Aird, assistant secretary of M.C.C., and all the secretaries of the first-class county clubs.

Mr. Alastair MacLeod, the Hampshire amateur cricketer, succeeds Mr. Muir.

CAPE TOWN TEST HELD UP

AFTER the captain had made five inspections of the wicket the first day's play in the Third Test match between Australia and

South Africa was abandoned at 3.30 p.m., owing to rain, without a ball being bowled.

The turf wicket was covered, but unfortunately the tarpaulin only protected the actual wicket, and the run-ups were so swampy that the bowlers would have been unable to secure a foothold.

There was a demonstration by the crowd when the decision was made that there would be no play.

BRADMAN AGAIN

BRADMAN scored a brilliant 229 not out for South Australia against Victoria in their Sheffield Shield match at Melbourne. This is his second double-century in consecutive innings. He made 233 against Queensland.

Bradman also scored 117 against New South Wales, so that he has reached three figures in all the three Sheffield Shield games that South Australia have played this season. When he had scored 18 in the match against Victoria he reached his 5,000 runs in Sheffield Shield cricket.

After a cautious start Bradman cut and drove brilliantly and reached his 200 in four hours and a quarter. The Victorian attack was weakened by the retirement of their captain, Hans Ebeling, who tore a rib muscle after bowling four overs.

TWO APPEALS NEEDED

IN the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and Queensland T. Allen, the Queensland opening batsman, missed a ball from White which went past first slip. The batsman ran and the umpire signalled: a bye.

After two appeals by the wicket-keeper Allen was given out. It appeared that the ball hit the stumps, causing the ball to jump up and fall back just out of position.

In reply to 366 by New South Wales, Queensland batted very doggedly, despite the easy wicket, and were 330 for eight at the close.

TWO GOOD STANDS

R. LONERGAN, the New South Wales batsman, was unable to play for his State against Queensland in their Sheffield Shield match at Sydney owing to illness. New South Wales were all out for 366, and stumps were drawn.

H. Mudge and L. Fallowfield gave them a good start, scoring 94 and 37 respectively, and later A. McGilvray, the captain, and White figured in a stand of 58.

NO SENIOR
LEAGUE SOCCER
CLASHES TO-DAY

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Ferguson Killen and Hartigan are good in the military forward line, while Campbell, supported by Nelson and Coyle, should be enough for the Chinese forwards. St. Joseph's strengthened by the return of Leonard and "Darcy" Lee, should give a better account of themselves against the Navy than in their last meeting, and, in spite of the absence of Sinclair, should win or at least force a draw.

In the remaining two game South China "A" should garner both points from Lyemun, while the East Lancs, though they may be extended by Stonecutters, should win.

Best Junior Game
The best game in the Second Division to-morrow should be between Eastern and the Navy, who are unchanged.

Blake, Tan and Lim have been the backbone of the University team so far, but unless the other players display better form the students will probably prove no match for the Engineers, who are now hot favourites for the Junior Shield.

ASHALL FOR WOLVES

Wolverhampton Wanderers recently secured the transfer for a substantial fee, from Prickley Colliery (Midland League) of George Ashall, inside right.



Kowloon Cricket Club will look to their skipper, Frank Goodwin, above, to bear the brunt of the attack in their League fixture against Craigen-gower Cricket Club at King's Park this afternoon.

GOLF
NOTES

(By "NIBLICK")

WITH a return of 145 nett J. G. Charlton annexed the Fear Cup and incidentally recorded his first competition win at the Kowloon Golf Club. Thirty-six holes medal play is a strenuous form of competitive golf for the long handicap player and once again fragments of torn cards round the course bore mute testimony to dashed hopes and a probable monument to a double figure score at the hole where the pieces lay.

Conditions were not of the best as a variable wind had to be contended with in addition to a cold drizzle, which persisted over the morning round. The weather could be held partly responsible for the poor scores returned, but search I ever so diligently, I cannot find a convincing reason to account adequately for the fact that a return of 5½ strokes over par should win the trophy.

H. C. Borner 146, A. Andrews 147, A. J. Dennis 147, W. Taylor 147, and E. F. Y. Barnes 149 were next in order of strokes.

BOGEY POOL

THE January Bogey Pool enjoyed an entry of two score odd and was credited to E. G. Judd who, playing off a limit handicap, pencilled a 63 net. This win following so closely on his success in the Eclectic Competition, has earned the attention of the Handicap Committee, who have cut the limit down to 16.

THE EIGHTH AND SEVENTH

FOR the third time of asking, will members please note that the stream at these holes is out of bounds. The penalty is stroke and distance and must be complied with—there are still a few players who think they are allowed to play the ball if it does not rest in water, but this is not the case; if the ball goes over the bank edge on the fairway side of the stream it is out of bounds.

A NINETEENTH CRITICISM
OVERHEARD

A PARTICULARLY sanctimonious member was overheard last Sunday deploring and condemning our evil game of liar dice. He held forth at considerable length and detail illustrating his point with fact, albeit a certain member who had lost six beers in a row. This is sapping at the morals of our younger members, he bleated.

I am glad someone has taken a strong stand at last. I have seen too many people in the throws of dice—sorry, I mean throws of vice—their sleeves rolled up with little beads of sweat on their erstwhile unlined brows, trying to fill in a missing "straight" at the same time looking as though they are now hot favourites for the Junior Shield.

Dear, dear, dear—there are passions at a dice game such as were never known from Pandora's box. Phooey!

A. T. LEE IMPROVES
AS BATSMANCIVIL SERVICE MAY
SPRING SURPRISECRAIGENGOWER JUNIORS SHOULD
BEAT KOWLOON RIVALS

(By L.B.W.)

DESPITE the fact that they have only won one of their four games played to date, Craigen-gower Cricket Club should provide Kowloon Cricket Club with a rather stiff proposition this afternoon when they meet in the senior league at King's Park.

The Kowloon batsmen have displayed very good form in the past few weeks and should be able to rattle up a big score against the Happy Valley bowling which, at its best, can only be classed as mediocre. A lot, however, depends on U. M. Omar of Craigen-gower, for if he strikes anything like his real form, the K.C.C. bats will have their hands full.

Since he took over the reins of captaincy of the Happy Valley club, Tinker Lee has been bowling very indifferently, though his batting, curiously enough, seems to have improved. I wonder why F. K. Lee is not playing any more cricket? He displayed excellent form against the Hong Kong Cricket Club earlier in the season and if he could only be persuaded to turn out regularly he would strengthen the C.C.C. batting no end.

The Kowloon skipper, Frank Goodwin, is at last showing something like his old form with the ball and, together with Robbie Lee, bears the brunt of the K.C.C. attack. Somehow or other, Willie Hung has not been bowled very much this season, though on his day he can be very dangerous. Taking everything into consideration I think Kowloon will take the points, though a draw will not come altogether as a surprise.

Army Weakened
For their game against Civil Service the Army will be without the services of their skipper, Capt. L. J. Walsh, Lt. C. C. Garthwaite and Lt. J. P. Williams. This leaves them a very much weakened side and it is just possible that the Civil Service may force a win.

In the second division a good match should be seen when the junior teams of K.C.C. and Craigen-gower meet at Happy Valley. The home team should win, but to do this they will have to dislodge George Lee and F. E. Lawrence cheaply as both these batsmen are capable of hitting up big scores.

Civil Service juniors will meet the Medicals, who should win, while Hong Kong Cricket Club are fielding an "A" team for their friendly against the Navy. The match between the Indians and Recreio (second division) has, I understand, been called off.

IMPORTANT CAER
CLARK MATCHChampions Must Beat
Saints To-day

Hong Kong Ladies will have to be on their mettle this afternoon when they meet St. Andrew's Ladies at Sookpoo in their Caer Clark Cup match, for if they should lose the match they will also lose the trophy which they have held over since the inception of the tournament.

It must be said, however, that the chances of a St. Andrew's victory are extremely remote, but the Hong Kong Ladies' defence will do well to watch Miss P. Gitting, the Saints' leader, who, if left alone, will prove to be extremely dangerous.

The probable teams are as follows:—
St. Andrew's—Mrs. Rose, Miss G. White and Miss E. Stephenson; Miss E. Banker, Miss J. Wong and Miss M. Churn; Mrs. N. Lee, Miss F. Wong, Miss P. Gitting, Miss J. Boulton and Miss L. Gitting.

H. K. Ladies—Mrs. J. Lamson, Miss E. M. Gray and Miss J. Smalley; Miss E. Glover, Mrs. M. Bell and Miss B. Hocking; Miss P. March, Miss M. Smalley, Miss J. Daldie, Miss H. Bance and Miss C. Ferguson.

TO TOUR AFRICA

It was decided at a meeting of the Veteran Ladies Golf Society recently to send a team to South Africa next autumn.

MISS HANCOCK
BEATS CHAMPION
IN STRAIGHT SETS

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Poor Conditions
A disconcerting wind blowing across the court made conditions very bad, but this can in no way detract from Miss Hancock's splendid performance. On the day's play she was a worthy winner after leading 3-1 and being led 5-4 in the first set and then running away with a 5-1 lead in the second.

Mrs. Kayll, who unexpectedly lagged, the baseline, put up a spirited fight in the closing stages—in the tenth game she saved three match points before losing at 6-4, and on one occasion required only an ace to level the scores at 5-all! She, however, employed the wrong tactics. Had she made more use of her usual abilities at the net she would probably have won; as it was she allowed Miss Hancock to drive her off the court with a barrage of deep cross-court forehand drives. Only on one occasion was she beaten at the net, but she only came up eight times in the whole match!

Weak At Net

Miss Hancock's forehand driving was perfect and she covered up any weakness on the backhand in a most experienced manner. She was, however, very vulnerable at the net, and unless she can put in some good hard practice overhead and on the volley before the Final Mrs. Wilson is likely to have an easy passage. Miss Hancock lost to Mrs. Kayll in straight sets in last year's semi-final—Mrs. Kayll beat Miss M. Griffith in the Final—and the year before lost to Mrs. C. P. P. James in the Final.

Mrs. Wilson's Champion?

Mrs. Wilson's powerful and accurate driving, down both sides, has left Mrs. Dowling very tired at the end of the first set, but she played pluckily against a much superior opponent.

On present form Mrs. Wilson is favoured to win the 1935 title—the Final will be played next Saturday at the U.S.R.C.


FARE'S VISIT TO AMERICA

London, January 3.—Tommy Farr, the Welsh cruiser-weight, will sail for America at the end of next month. His manager, Mr. Ted Broadbent, stated yesterday that arrangements had been made for Farr to box in the United States under the management of Babe Culnan, of New Jersey.

Farr's plans in America will depend upon the result of his fight at the Royal Albert Hall, London, next week against Tommy Loughran, the former world cruiser-weight champion.

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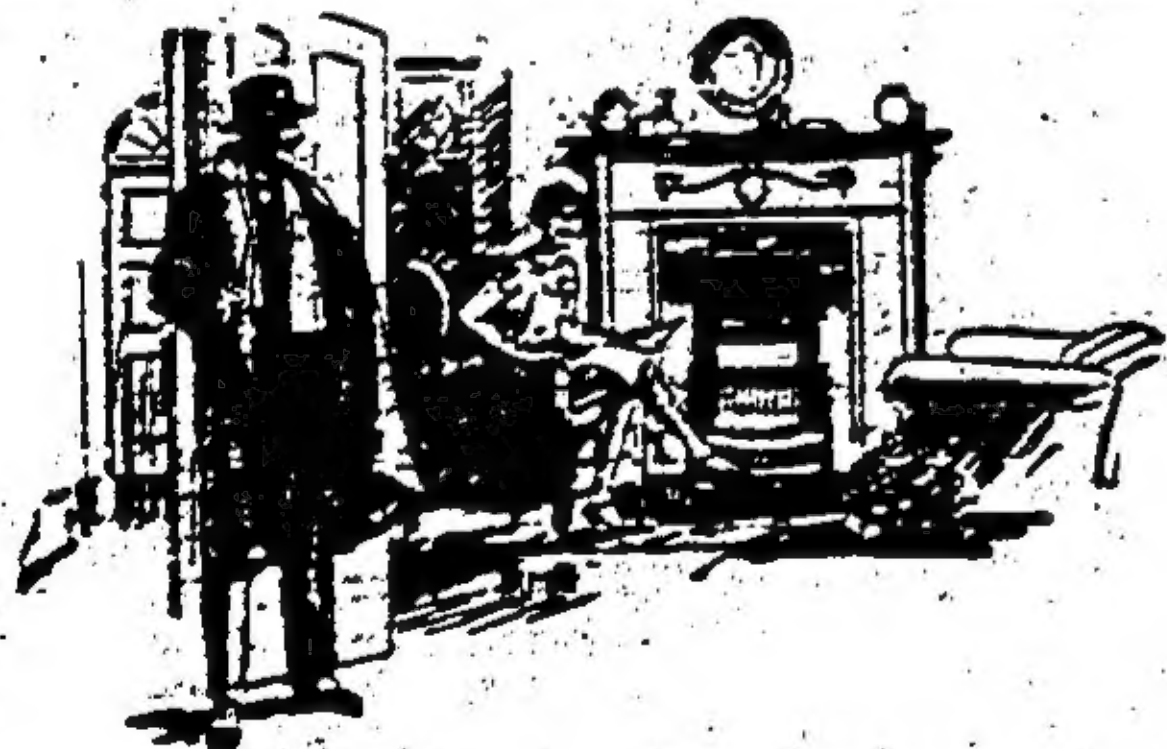
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The Policy Of Scuttle

Mr. Nicolas Roosevelt, by his address in New York, gave evidence of his continued interest in this part of the world, whereby he was only following the custom of those who have played the part of a pro-consul and retired into a life of greater freedom and less responsibility. It may be inferred that the recent inauguration of President Quezon was far from filling his heart with joy, and that he has been employing some of his leisure time in trying to forecast the future. In any case the points he raised are of great moment and although they are far from new, they are not likely for many generations to become old in the sense of having no connection with current problems.

It used to be said that no democracy could govern an empire. The two ideas are supposed to be contradictory, and when an act of authority is required and appeal is made to the fundamental principle of equality and individual freedom on which the paramount State bases its own system, the authority required for good order is enforced in a half-hearted manner and causes irritation without securing respect. History shows that this is not always true. There are famous examples of demagogic appeals to popular prejudices based on the opposite line of logic—that authority should be enforced regardless of humanity—which have led to some of the sternest repressions and massacres in history. The Athens of Cleon, the Rome of Cato, Governor Eyre of Jamaica, are only a few instances that come to mind of the sort that may be quoted without reviving passions that have not yet been embalmed and buried in the mausoleum of history. The root of all the trouble is that government is not a logical application of principles but a pragmatic dealing with men. No principle of law is so important as to warrant the sacrifice of the men it is applied to.

The American difficulty in dealing with dependencies seems to be much the same as in dealing with social reform as exemplified in the New Deal—it is the Constitution. It is not merely the provisions of that document, which did not of course anticipate that the original thirteen Colonies would ever want to govern distant islands in the Southern Pacific. Any legal document of that nature states certain definite rules, which are made as clear and therefore as limiting as possible; it would be badly drawn if it did not. But the political thought of a country which is built up on a written constitution takes its whole character from that fact. The first reaction to a new proposal is not the question: Is it a good proposal? but can it be brought within the limits of the scope allowed by the law? That is true whether the proposal be made before the Parliament, or the State Legislature, or a municipality. If that doubt is not settled there is the ever-present fear of a ruling that it is *ultra vires*, which means that all the labour has been wasted. That has always impressed the English advocates of support for the League of Nations. A treaty made by the U.S.A. becomes a part of the Constitution. The Covenant gives other nations a share in the decisions of the

YEAR OF TRIAL FOR LEAGUE

Received Fair Share Of Knocks

SOME ARDUOUS TESTS

(By LESLIE E. ALDOUS)

A New Year for the League of Nations began on January 10, the anniversary of the official foundation of that organisation in 1920. Never has the fulfilment of prophecy in international affairs been better illustrated than during the League's sixteenth year.

When 1935 began, the League, although it had not reached its goal of peace and co-operation between nations, was travelling hopefully. It had received more than its fair share of knocks during the past three or four years. Critics had debited it with one big failure in the Far East, which had hampered its activities in many other directions.

But at last the League seemed to be recovering its morale. The Saar controversy between France and Germany gave it a chance to demonstrate to the world that the League was not a played-out force. The able manner in which it stamped out the sparks of war between Yugoslavia and Hungary, (Continued on Page 8.)

EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

98-Year Old Student

Undoubtedly the oldest active student in the country is Mrs. Jean Lawrie Hodgson of San Francisco, who enrolled in regular high school courses this fall and carries on the same as all her youthful classmates. Mrs. Hodgson, despite her advanced age, is hale, hearty and active, and fulfilled a life-long ambition that past summer when she learned to swim. She is a firm believer in the old adage—"Never too old to learn."

League. It would therefore be an infringement, or at least a qualification of the Constitution itself, and must on that ground be rejected.

This method of argument seems to give less freedom of action than the principle of Parliamentary absolutism, and the consciousness that politics is a perpetual succession of unforeseen emergencies, is at the bottom of the unwillingness of statesmen in England even to interfere with the Royal prerogative, which in reality gives to Ministers a reserve opportunity to deal with new and urgent crises. The dilemma is much the same as arose in dealing with Cuba. The right to interfere in an emergency had been reserved by the Platt Amendment, but when the chance to make a beneficial use of the power arose the course preferred was to repeal the Amendment and leave the factions to fight it out amongst themselves. It is not easy to see why the sugar imports should have made a problem at all in the case of the Philippines. We should have seen no logical obligation to apply a principle of free importation if we did not like it.

The policy of Mr. Nicolas Roosevelt, which he himself described as the "policy of scuttle"—to get out of the Philippines lock, stock, and barrel, the sooner the better, without any treaty guaranteeing their neutrality, their independence or their defence—would certainly have a big effect on our own future in Hong Kong and on the whole balance of power in the Pacific. But it is easier said than done. Our own experience is that it is easier to enter into such obligations than to get out of them. The lock, stock, and barrel retreat from India has only been suggested by a few completely irresponsible extremists who would be sorry if it were adopted. Our voluntary retirement from the Transvaal planted the seeds of endless trouble. Even in Afghanistan, the most inhospitable of territories, occupation and then retirement opened a long chapter of anxiety. Nothing is more intangible than prestige, but the loss of it brings results that are only too tangible.

Here There and Everywhere.

LIBEL IN BOOKS

Miss Marguerite Steen, complained recently of the increasing number of actions, some taken to court, but more often settled out of court, brought on the grounds that authors have introduced recognisable characters into their works.

It is an old grievance. After the publication of "The Egoist" Meredith received some 300 letters complaining that he had pilloried old acquaintances. He replied that it was not them he had pilloried, but himself.

Dickens was constantly falling out with his friends because they thought they saw themselves in his books. An elderly vicar, with great moral courage, claimed to be the original of Towneley in "The Way of All Flesh."

These complaints were personal. A later and more commercialised age has seen monetary possibilities in outraged dignity.

The difficulty is that no author can wholly invent a character. An intimate knowledge of the life of any writer makes it possible to identify with fair certainty the characters in his books.

Your Daily Smile!

The ex-Kaiser is reported to be an early riser. Up, in fact, at dawn.

Correct. The mechanics' lesson was in progress at the university, and the professor was demonstrating a piece of apparatus. "You will have noticed," he pointed, "that this machine is operated by a crank." Then he wondered why the students laughed.

Unpopular. "Here's a fellow who has just patented a contrivance for preventing girls from falling out of rumble seats. What do you think of the idea?"

Girted Maid. "Will you please sweep out the room?" "Well, madam," said the educated maid, "I'll sweep out the dirt."

In a small hotel in Kingston, Ont., so a returning traveller reports, there is a yellowing sign tacked to the dingy wall behind the desk on which the proprietor proclaims: "No cheques cashed. Not even good ones."

EUROPEAN TRADE IN MID-AFRICA

INTERNATIONAL PACT OF 50 YEARS AGO

COLONIAL JEALOUSIES AVERTED

BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT

(By Edward Hawke)

MUCH has been said of late about the desirability of "removing the economic causes of war through equitable arrangements for access to markets," as the Labour election manifesto phrased it.

Sir Samuel Hoare in his famous speech at Geneva sought to moderate Italy's colonial ambitions by suggesting an international enquiry into the subject. It is curious that no mention has been made of the Berlin Congo Act, which has now been in operation for just 50 years. For the 14 Governments which agreed to that Act, after a prolonged conference in Berlin, clearly foresaw and wisely provided against the very complaints that have been put forward in Italy to justify aggression on Abyssinia, and that will be repeated elsewhere.

Equitable Access

The Act, which established Free Trade in tropical Africa, is a unique pre-war example of economic Liberalism by international agreement, and it has worked well. All nations have for half a century traded with tropical Africa on equal terms. Their subjects enjoy the same rights as the nationals of the several protecting Powers, in respect of residence, trade and travel. Monopolies are forbidden.

The roads, railways and coastal services may be used by all persons under the same conditions. The tariffs may only be used to provide revenue for the upkeep of the administrations and the development of the regions, and must not be protective or discriminative in favour of any one country. In brief, the Berlin Congo Act provided for the most "equitable" arrangements for access to markets in Central Africa that any trader could desire.

No Power Made Sacrifice. It was no doubt easier for the Powers to make such an agree-

ment in 1885 because the scramble for Africa had scarcely begun, and there was a general desire to prevent King Leopold II. from monopolising the vast resources of his infant Congo Free State. Lord Beaconsfield's Ministry had some years earlier repudiated the "concession" from the Sultan of Zanzibar by which Sir William MacKinnon secured for Great Britain the whole of what is now Tanganyika, but the German Colonisation Society had made little progress in the vast field thus left open to it.

Further north, the coast was still under the nominal rule of Zanzibar; three years were to pass before the Imperial British East Africa Company received a charter. On the west coast the new German settlement in the Cameroons and the old French posts in the Gaboon were still insignificant, while Portuguese Angola stagnated, as it had done for generations.

Thus no signatory Power was making a sacrifice when it agreed that the free trade imposed on the Congo State should also extend to the west coast from the Gaboon to Angola and to all the territories that lay between the Congo State and the Indian Ocean. Still the thing was done, and the treaty, once made, was kept.

Neutralising Clause

To illustrate still further the provision of its authors, one may mention that the treaty provided for the neutralisation of any territory within its purview if the protecting Power happened to be involved in war. This clause, if it had been possible to apply it in August, 1914, would have averted much bloodshed.

In 1885 there was no League of Nations which could be asked to supervise the working of the Congo Act. The several

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

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It will be recalled that for some months now Imperial Airways have been operating twice weekly, with departures from Singapore at 6 a.m. on Sundays and Thursdays, and in the reverse direction from Penang at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays. Exceptionally good facilities are thus available for the exchange of short visits between the two cities, especially having in mind that the air journey takes an average of three hours only.

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NEW SOVIET TESTS

Leninград.
Five "radio-balloons," capable of reaching a height of between 25 and 30 miles into the stratosphere, are being built here, says the semi-official Tass agency.

They are the first to be constructed according to a new design by Professor Molchanov. During preliminary experiments at Kley a balloon of this type reached a height of over 15 miles, which was claimed to be a record for such an ascent.

Humidity Tests
Their object is not only to record conditions of temperature and pressure in the stratosphere, as in similar previous attempts, but also to take measurements of humidity.

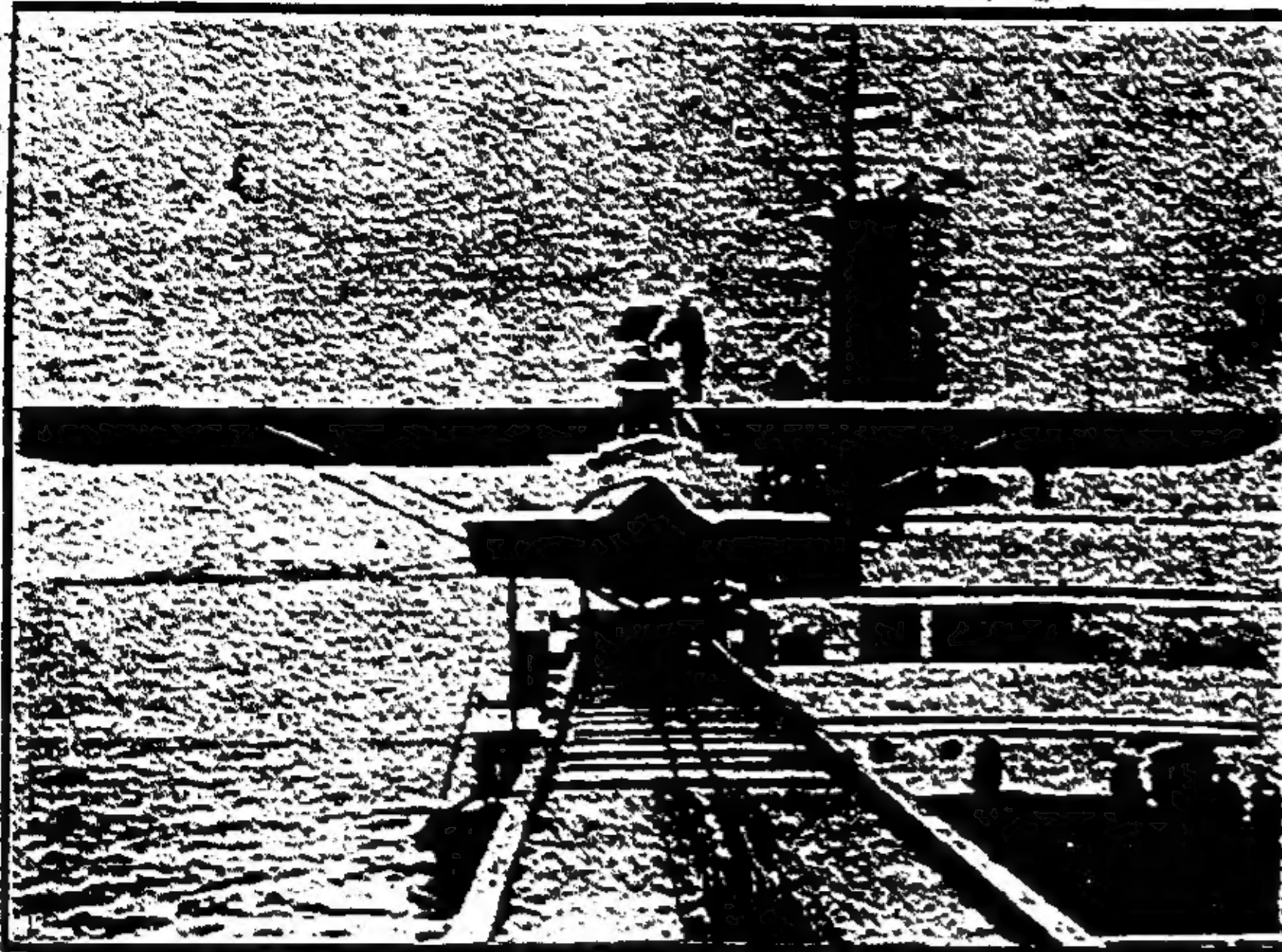
The weight of the new radio-balloon, or ardioprobe as it is called, is only about half a pound, as compared with the five and a half pounds of the type previously employed.

U.S. PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Passenger traffic on U.S. domestic airlines increased 8½ per cent. in 1934 over the previous year, while foreign route traffic was up 48 per cent.

AVERAGE LENGTH OF TRIPS

Average length of trips over foreign routes of United States commercial aeroplanes at present is 387 miles.



The arrangements are now almost complete for the launching of a North Atlantic air service next year. Our illustration shows the first floating aerodrome to be stationed in the South Atlantic, the converted German liner Westfalen.

300 M.P.H. BOMBERS EXPERIMENTS NOW GOING ON BY ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Rome.
ITALY, it is learned, is experimenting with bombing aeroplanes for which a speed of 300 miles an hour is claimed. She has also produced new scout machines with a speed said to exceed 330 miles an hour.

It is claimed that these machines when put into service will be faster than similar machines in any air force in the world. The developments arose out of the work of Italy's "high speed" school at Lake Garda, where the machines which won back for Italy the world's air speed record were developed.

NEW PLANE FACTORY FOR HOLLAND

Mr. Fokker As Adviser

Amsterdam: An official committee of enquiry has reported in favour of the erection of a new aircraft factory near Amsterdam. It is proposed that the Government and Mr. Anthony Fokker shall each contribute \$235,000 to cover the cost.

Mr. Fokker would not be a director but an adviser at a salary of about \$2,000 a year and 2½ per cent on the turnover.

ALL TO DELIVER THE MAILS

Airman Swims Three
Rivers

Bombay.
An Indian airman swam three swollen rivers to deliver mails when his plane was forced down in a storm.

The airman, a pilot of the Tata Air Mail, had to come down in the difficult Ghat country, in Western India, but landed successfully in a small open space. He then enquired at the nearest village how he could despatch his mailbags, but discovered that the only route to the railway was across three rivers in flood.

Undaunted, the pilot, with the help of some villagers, got all the bags across, and the mails arrived at their destination only 12 hours late.

GLASGOW GIRL'S EXPERIENCE

Flying 3,000 Miles
To Marry

A young Glasgow woman left Croydon in an Imperial Airways liner last month to fly 3,000 miles to Persia to marry a friend of her school days.

She is Miss Muriel Blanche Anderson, until recently a school teacher.

On January 14 at Abadan she married Mr. Thomas Yuille, an official of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

STUDENTS TESTED

An Italian Army aviation school, uses a huge vault to test students' reaction to thin air before taking them on an actual flight.

UP-TO-DATE PLANES

More than 60 per cent. of the transport planes now in use in the United States are less than two years old.

Warrant-Officer Agello won the air speed record for Italy in April 1933 with a speed of 423.7 m.p.h. In October 1934 Agello sent the record up to 440.67 m.p.h.

Speed Doubled
General Valle, chief of the Air Force, says that the speed of Italian bombing aeroplanes has been doubled, and their range trebled, during the past few years. The radius of the latest machines is claimed to be more than 1,000 miles.

According to General Valle also, for every machine in East Africa there are ten in Italy. This would give the Italians a total complement of about 3,800 warplanes.

BRITISH BUILT SIKORSKYS

Work Begun At
Hamble

IMPROVED VERSION OF S-42

Work has begun at Hamble, Southampton, on the site acquired by British Marine Aircraft for the construction of Sikorsky flying boats.

The British technical engineers who recently visited Bridgeport (Connecticut) to study the S-42 boat have returned, and will be concerned with the construction of the first boats this year at Hamble.

Five are already on order for the overseas market.

The boats are to be an improved version of the S-42. They will be of 40,000lb. all-up weight with a top speed of 190 m.p.h. with the present 700 h.p. American engines.

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Egypt In 24 Hours
Some 16,000 hours of commercial flying on Pan-American air routes have already been carried out by this type of flying boat.

Loaded with 32 passengers and cruising at 170 m.p.h. these boats could fly non-stop from England to Gibraltar in about seven hours.

TRANS-ATLANTIC SERVICE

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT TO CANADA

WORLD'S ALTITUDE RECORD TO
BE ATTEMPTED

London.

THE year opens full of promise for British aviation. Policies to which the Government committed itself during 1935 will begin to bear fruit this year and among the outstanding events we may expect to witness are the following:

The launch of the "pick-a-back" flying boat and seaplane and the first experimental flight to Canada.

The first experimental flight of an Imperial Airways flying boat from England to New York.

The preparation of the new Empire Air Base at Portsmouth, and its completion by the end of 1936.

In addition there will be the opening of the Bermuda-New York section of the transatlantic air route and the launch of most of the 29 giant flying boats and the 12 great air liners now being built for Imperial Airways Empire routes.

Other expected items are:—
The completion of a new machine by Bristol Aeroplane Company to recapture for Britain the world's altitude record during 1936.

The completion of three-quarters of the expansion scheme of the Royal Air Force and the completion of all the new aerodromes round our coasts.

The development of new internal air lines in Great Britain by British Airways and by Railway Air Services.

The setting up of Air Traffic Control at all municipal airports by the Air Ministry and the opening of a national school to train control tower officers in their duties.

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BIG AIR PLANS IN INDIA

Aerodromes To Be
Modernised

HEAVY EXPENDITURE
PROPOSED

Bombay: Big plans are being approved to modernise Indian aerodromes before next year. Heavy expenditure is proposed on both land and sea air-ports.

This is in view of next year's developments in the London-Australian service. All first-class mail to Australia is to be sent by air, with a service of 20-ton machines, five times weekly, between Croydon and India.

Bombay's suburban aerodrome at Juhu is being retained. It was found impossible to use newly-reclaimed land without heavy expenditure.

Special Runways
Special runways, however, will make the Juhu aerodrome serviceable throughout the monsoon, which lasts from June to October. Hangars will be constructed and the aerodrome will be extended.

A new emergency landing-ground will be built in the Sind section of the Karachi-Ahmedabad line. Plans are being made for the development of a new aerodrome at Ahmedabad.

The Karachi aerodrome will have new buildings. On the Hyderabad-Madras line an emergency landing-ground will be built at Cuddapah.

It now seems certain that the Karachi-Bombay-Madras service will be extended to Ceylon.

and could reach Malta with one fuelling halt in little over half a day.

With day and night flying Egypt could be reached on this range, with but two halts for fuel, in 24 hours.

If they are used on the Australia-New Zealand route the Tasman Sea could be crossed in about eight hours, thus bringing New Zealand and London within a week of each other by the time the new time-tables operate in 1937.

AIR AND SEA LINK

Possibilities Examined In France

Plans for French North Atlantic aeroplane services are developing.

At a private meeting held in Paris under the chairmanship of General Dumas, the French Air Minister, directors of the French Line (owners of Normandie) and of Air France laid their plans before Ministry specialists.

It was afterwards learned that the linking-up of the great maritime firm with its counterpart in the air was discussed.

FLYING-BOATS IN ENGLAND

Admiralty Interest
In Development

CO-OPERATION WITH NAVY

London.

Great efforts are now being made to recover the lead Britain possessed in flying boats for many years. The Admiralty is taking a keen interest in the development of boats towards increased range, accommodation and seaworthiness, and the steps being taken towards a regular North Atlantic service.

The design of ocean-going flying boats is a matter of importance, and a situation in which it might be necessary to take over air liners for co-operation with the Navy, on a similar basis to the employment of ocean liners in time of war, must be considered.

British flying boat production is shortly to be augmented by the building in Great Britain of an American type. Meanwhile a big fleet of flying boats is being built for Imperial Airways for the accelerated and multiplied services to S. Africa, India, Australia and the Far East next year.

Neglected Openings
There has been much preoccupation with the establishment of Empire air services, which in future are to depend far more upon flying boats than upon land aeroplanes, but it is only necessary to glance at a map of the world to see a number of opportunities which Britain has neglected.

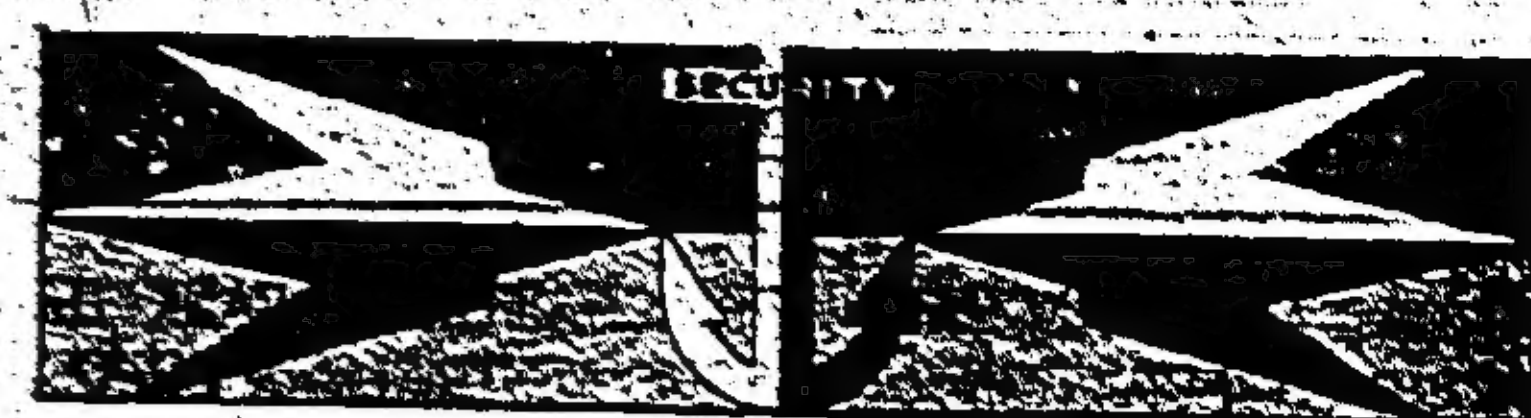
The country has made no attempt to win a "footing" in South Atlantic air transport, nor to run an air line down the West Coast of Africa.

Under the impetus of foreign rivalry a link has been established with China by a branch line to Hong Kong from the main Australian route.

New Zealand is making arrangements with Pan-American Airways for an air service across the Pacific.

Although Imperial Airways runs from England to the Cape, foreign air service interests have become firmly planted within the Union.

The work now taken in hand by Imperial Airways is vast and tremendously important. By arrangement with Pan-American Airways a service across the North Atlantic is now projected. But although so much is being done it is evident that little or no attention is being given to scarce, the new time-tables operate in 1937.



Passengers prefer

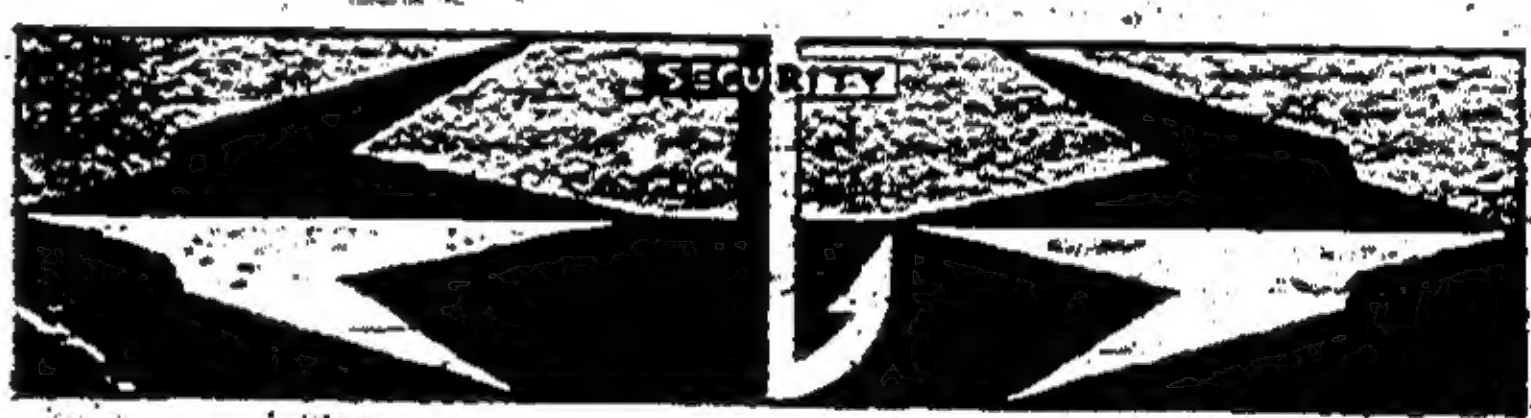
Public demand for accommodation by Imperial Airways and its associated companies is so great that their services have been DOUBLED. This ever-increasing patronage by travellers is due to the following facts amongst others

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CONNAUGHT ROAD
ACCIDENTLorry Crashes Over
Praya WallCOOLIE BADLY INJURED
IN ROADWAY

An extraordinary accident occurred in Connaught Road West shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday, when an empty lorry, No. 4128, after knocking down a coolie, ran over the praya wall, hit a junk and then dropped onto a motorboat.

The lorry, a Ford V-8, was proceeding from east to west when the coolie suddenly attempted to pass in front of it with a load of cargo for a junk. The lorry swerved in an unsuccessful effort to avoid him and the driver was unable to pull up in time to avoid going over the wall. By an extraordinary chance the lorry fell on the motorboat without sinking it or itself sustaining any injury.

The driver of the lorry, however, was set upon by other coolies as soon as he scrambled out of the vehicle and so severely handled that he had to be sent to hospital for treatment along with the coolie, Wong Woon, who sustained serious injuries to the head and left thigh and is now lying in a serious condition at the Government Civil Hospital.

ROYAL DUTCH
AIR LINERecord Figures
Last YearOVER 100,000 PASSENGERS
CARRIED

The continued growth of the K.L.M.'s air services is shown in the figures for 1935, which were published recently. The number of passengers carried on all services was 100,196. This is a record and is over 14,000 more than last year's figure, which was the highest previously recorded. The European services carried nearly 96,000 passengers, the Far Eastern service, Amsterdam-Batavia, over 1,500, and the West-Indian service in South America over 2,600.

In spite of the increased difficulties in international trade, freight carried during the year showed a large increase, from just over 1,000,000 kilograms in 1934, to over 1,320,000 Kg. in 1935.

Increase in Mails

The action of the Dutch Postal authorities in deciding during the year, to send all letter mail by air, if time would be saved thereby, was justified. The mail carried on the European lines only showed an increase of over 65 per cent. on the figure for 1934.

The doubling of the Far Eastern service, Amsterdam-Batavia, into a twice-weekly service in both directions, which was put into force in June last, resulted in an increase in mail of 34.6 per cent. of parcel post by 13.3 per cent., and in general freight by 38.3 per cent., while passenger traffic on this line increased by over 75 per cent.

FIRE RESCUE
ATTEMPTWaitress Praised
By Coroner

Miss Marie Murphy, a young waitress, was commended recently by Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Paddington coroner, for a brave attempt to save the life of a kitchen maid whose clothes caught fire from a gas radiator in a Charing Cross-road restaurant.

The kitchenmaid, Mabel Ellen Firth, aged 48, died from burns. Miss Murphy said: "I tried to trip her up and wrap her in a coat, but she stood up again and ran round the room."

She eventually put the flames out with the coat, burning her fingers.

The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

LOST MOTOR SHIP

A Board of Trade enquiry will be held into the loss of the Canadian motor vessel Joseph Medill, lost in the Atlantic in August.

'UNOMEE'S CLUB
SIDE UNDER
A BARRAGE'

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"Unomee" states that he and his colleagues in argument found great difficulty in finding the right-winger and ultimately selected a very temperamental player in Jimmy Hamilton, but I am sure they have overlooked a school-master named Wishart, whose displays on the right touchline brought back memories of Home soccer. One of the fastest right-wingers it was my privilege to see. Wishart eclipsed all past and even present day footballers, both in his shooting and ball control.

Wrongly Placed

Alec Forsyth was and still is the best inside-right we have had, but I totally disagree regarding the inside-left berth, which "Unomee" allotted to H. Coeur. The latter was, undoubtedly, a great player, but Pennell, who was selected for the outside left-berth, but who in reality never played anywhere else but on the inside, is my selection.

A fast man on the ball, he was a deadly shot off his left foot. The left-wing berth I would unhesitatingly have given to Hector McTavish, who in his day had no equal or better. Until he put his knee out, McTavish was the best civilian winger in South China, and I have seen the best among the Chinese and Portuguese communities.

Richalman As Leader

Albert Howe, the Club, Colony and Shanghai Interporter has been suggested as the best ever for the leader's berth, but Richalman, a huge Dutchman with a terrific stride and shot in both boots, was much better. Richalman's feeding and movements for a man of his size would have made Albert Howe look an embarrassed infant alongside.

I think that the changes I have suggested, together with the original selections of "Unomee", with which I do not disagree, would result in a team very hard to beat, but by no means the best.

INTERPRETER.

FIRE BRIGADE
SUSTAIN THEIR
FIRST DEFEAT

(Continued from Page 4)

beat S. Wong and Mrs. Dawson 21-4
G. A. Smith and Mrs. Barrow (S. John's) 16-21
lost to Finch and Churn 16-21
beat Wong and Bliss 21-9
beat Wong and Dawson 21-2
Roland Koh and Miss P. MacCaw (St. John's) 9-21
lost to Finch and Churn 9-21
beat Wong and Bliss 21-12
beat Wong and Dawson 21-8

Kowloon Tong Win

At Wanchai last night, the Kowloon Tong Club beat the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by 6 sets to 3—J. Winfield and Mrs. Martin (S. and S. Home)
lost to P. C. Leung and Mrs. G. A. White 13-21
lost to S. A. Gray and Miss MacKenzie 9-21
beat P. M. Fong and Miss I. Willie 21-8
H. Harris and Mrs. Brown (S. and S. Home)
lost to Leung and White 12-21
lost to Gray and MacKenzie 7-21
beat Pong and Willie 21-8
C. Hall and Miss M. Doig (S. and S. Home)
lost to Leung and White 17-21
lost to Gray and MacKenzie 16-21
beat Pong and Willie 21-7

Fire Brigade Beaten

At the Central Police Station last night, the Chinese Recreation Club beat the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3—E. L. Shute and Mrs. Shute (Fire Brigade)
beat S. W. Liang and Miss W. Cheung 21-9
beat Gordon Lam and Mrs. T. F. Lo 21-9
beat S. P. Chan and Mrs. G. Lam 21-8
J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths (Fire Brigade)
lost to Liang and Cheung 19-21
lost to Lam and Lo 12-21
lost to Chan and Lam 15-21
J. L. Fisher and Mrs. R. Kirkwood (Fire Brigade)
lost to Liang and Cheung 12-21
lost to Lam and Lo 12-21
lost to Chan and Lam 13-21

League Table To Date

Team	Games	W	L	T	Pts
Fire Brigade	9	3	1	67	14
Recreation "A"	5	5	0	43	2
Recreation "B"	4	3	55	25	12
C. R. C.	9	3	1	53	23
St. Andrew's	3	3	2	28	44
St. John's	10	4	6	40	50
Kowloon Tong	8	1	7	18	54
S. and S. Home	8	0	2	13	59

LOCAL NEWS
BREVITIES

There will be no dinner dance this evening at Repulse Bay Hotel, but the usual tea dance will be held to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.

The next meeting for meditation and discussion conducted by Dr. Reichelt at the Tao Fong Shan Chapel, Bishop's House, Hong Kong, will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday next, February 12. The subject will be the Gospel of St. John.

At the Cheero Club last Wednesday a splendid concert was given by Mr. Bruce Wilson and members of the Dockyard Recreation Club. There were some good songs, piano playing and humorous items, all of which were much appreciated. The Club announce that on Wednesday next another good show is to be given by "Pete and his Marauders," commencing at 9 p.m.

A dinner dance in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury and Mr. and Mrs. H. Beer will be held at the Craigieflower Cricket Club on Wednesday, February 19, at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury will be away for a short vacation, while Mr. and Mrs. Beer will be leaving the Colony shortly and will not be coming back. After dinner there will be a presentation to Mr. Beer.

Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, M.S.C., M.M.E.C.E., A.M.I.E.E. has kindly consented to give an address to the Hong Kong University Medical Society on Wednesday, February 12, at 5.30 p.m., at the Union Assembly Room on the subject "Doctors and the Public. Problems of Human Efficiency." Tea will be served at 5.15 p.m. in the Union tea room. All interested are welcome.

The yacht Rosaura, with Lord Moyne and party on board, arrived in Hong Kong at 3 p.m. yesterday. Lord Moyne refused to give any information as to the yacht's destination, simply stating that it was a pleasure cruise.

Four cases (one imported) of diphtheria, two of enteric fever and one of cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the Health authorities in the 24 hours ended on Thursday.

The actual hours of transmission by Z. B. W. during the month of January totalled 258.50, of which 109.00 were devoted to European programmes and 89.50 to Chinese. During this period 632 new licences were issued and 2,520 renewed.

The s.s. Jeypore is due here from Kobe at 6 a.m. on Wednesday next.

The number of emigrants leaving the Colony for the Straits Settlements during the month of January was 4,760.

The following telegram was received by H.E. the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies yesterday:—"I have laid before the King your telegram conveying from the Members of the Legislative Council and the people of the Colony a resolution of 'homage to His Majesty. I am commanded by His Majesty to request you to convey to the Members his deep appreciation of the sentiments of loyalty and affection expressed in this resolution."

The names of Mr. Alastair Drummond and Mr. Eric Russell Walsh, auditors, have been added to the list of persons authorised to perform the duties required by the Companies Ordinance, 1932.

The Colonial Treasurer gives notice in the Government Gazette that the figure representing the average opening selling rates for the month of January 1936 of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for demand drafts on London is settled at 15.45.

NO PAVEMENT GUARD RAILS

Westminster City Council decided against a proposal for pedestrian guard rails in Oxford-circus and adjacent streets.

Calcutta reported 223 cases of smallpox in the week ended February 1, and Shanghai 4. There were 19 cases of cholera in Bangkok and 47 in Calcutta in the same period.

To-day's Short Story

More Than
FriendshipBy Hugh
Castle

IF Diana Keyes had been a man, of course, she would have bought me that luncheon, and then, instead of sitting quietly in one of those unobtrusive places where you can be reasonably certain that you will not meet any fussy friends, we would have been talking business over oyster pie in some hearty chop house where women were a novelty.

But then, mercifully, Diana Keyes was not a man, and the question of who was to pay the bill did not arise—as it obviously would not, even though she was about to earn some hundreds of pounds in commission through me.

Being the host, I dictated where we went.

More than anything else that morning I wanted to be in some subdued corner where a man could stare at his companion over the melon without feeling that the entire world was grinning at him.

So I chose a grill room which, two years ago, had been the last word in London's lunch-time rendezvous.

It is strange how fashions in restaurants change. A place is up on top of the world one minute—and completely forgotten the next.

Yet the place itself, the food and the service remain exactly the same. Only the tables alter. They empty.

Two years ago we could not have got a table at the Rackford.

MAN HANGED
IN CELLFellow-Prisoner's
Outburst

'DRIVEN TO COMMIT SUICIDE'

There was an outburst by a fellow prisoner at an inquest, at Lewes Prison recently on Frederick Joseph Minall, aged 32, of Kingston-on-Thames, who hanged himself in his cell. A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.

The Governor of the prison, Major Munn, said that Minall was reported for breaking the glass of the gas box in his cell, and was given two days' close confinement and placed on No. 1 diet—bread and water—and afterwards on No. 2 diet—half rations.

He talked with Minall, who did not show any signs of being morbid. He thought that Minall acted as he did to vary the monotony. The man had not been in prison before, but he had been to Borestal. He was undergoing a sentence of 12 months' imprisonment.

Mail Bag Rope The rope which was found round his neck was one issued in connection with the making of mail bags. It was issued to Minall by the mail bag instructor.

William George Westbury, another prisoner, suggested that the glass was not broken by Minall. He said that on Monday he had a conversation in the workshop with Minall, who seemed cheerful. He complained that his cell was cold. He asked the corner to ask the Governor when the cell which a man occupied was put into the report book for repairs. A man could not bring forward evidence for his defence in a prison charge. He was convicted on the unsworn and unsubstantiated evidence of a prison officer.

Evidence "Irrelevant" The foreman asked if the evidence of the witness was relevant, and the coroner replied that it was not.

Westbury said that next door to him there was a man who was afraid to make application to see the Governor. "It is a shame," exclaimed Westbury, "that in 1935 a man should be driven to commit suicide."

The coroner told Westbury that that was not a matter for the jury. They were not holding an enquiry except as to the cause of death.

CHIEF CONSTABLE RESIGNS

Mr. W. V. Webb, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, has resigned, owing to ill-health, after 41 years in the force.

Grill without telephoning in advance.

That morning the head waiter looked almost surprised when the door opened.

I suppose, to be honest, that I was mildly in love with Diana.

She intrigued me. She had more self-assurance than any other woman I had met, yet she seemed always content to remain in the conversational background.

She never forced herself, or made an apparent effort, but the amazing number of her friends testified to her strength of character.

MONDAY'S STORY

Monday's story will be
"The Sutor of Selkirk."

We were the best of friends, and, although the future held a suggestion of something more than friendship, I had decided to take my time, and not spoil things by rushing into some stammering proposal like a boy in his first infatuation.

We had first met just before Christmas, on the Berners, homeward bound from New York.

In the odd way that these things happen, I had a feeling, the moment I saw her in the dining-room on the first night out, that she was going to play some part in my future.

On the second night I was lucky enough to cut her as partner in a bridge game, at which she played rather too well for my liking.

From then on we saw a good deal of each other.

We flirted, conversationally, at Epsom and Hurlingham, Bray and Le Touquet.

She moved round in the right places, and it was the simplest thing in the world to see quite a lot of her without starting too much chatter.

As a flirtation, I admit, it had perhaps been rather uneventful, for Diana, with all her charm, affected a complete simplicity in these matters which was apt to disarm the attacker.

However, I had kept up what I hoped was an unobtrusive offensive, even to the tune of a box at Ascot and a wickedly expensive week-end party, which I had arranged solely to be able to invite her, down at Hindhead.

We never talked business—not at first, anyway.

Diana was the sort of woman who takes you for granted, and expects to be accepted that way herself.

She never asked questions; she seldom troubled with answers.

She did know, because I remember telling her, that I had a fantastic run of beginner's luck on the Stock Exchange, and I suppose she inferred that at the time I was pretty well off.

All I knew about her own work I picked up in matches, telephone calls, interrupted business talks, and so on.

For a woman who quite obviously earned a large income as an outside representative of one of those octopus firms of New York financiers, Diana showed good taste in never attempting to introduce me to her company—even though she would probably have made quite a lot of money out of the introduction.

There are not a great many people in London who earn a living in that fashion, but in America, where business depends so much more on the personal element, many a man with the right contacts earns a comfortable fortune discovering new clients in a social way.

Actually, I found out more about Diana's work from outsiders than from her own rare remarks.

I think it was James Fordson—I had met him at a party just before leaving New York, and we were to be on the same ship coming back—who first made me realise that the girl was a big success at her own line.

Diana was the type of woman who always stands out in a crowd without apparently caring whether she does or not. She had this retinue of admirers who were seldom tired of singing her praises, even behind her back.

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And Wife

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A French wife cannot, at present, rent a flat without her husband's consent. But by the proposed law, Madame may be permitted to have her own home if she has good reason for requiring to do so.

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JAPAN PORTS	Sanko Maru	Sat., 22nd Feb.
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H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut-Colonel H. R. L. Dowling, O.B.E. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Hong Kong, Friday, 7th February, 1936.

GENERAL
Corps Orders No. 42/35, paragraph 9, dated 18th October, 1935, is cancelled in respect of Private H. O. Bramble.

PARADE

Corps 1st Battery
"A" Section—Next parade is at Belcher's Fort on Thursday, 20th February at 6 p.m.
Dress—Overalls, Gun Platform Shoes, Blue Cap.
"I" Section—Parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, 14th February at 5.30 p.m.
Dress—Overalls.

Corps Engineers

Parade at Miniature Range on Monday, 10th February, 1936 at 5.30 p.m.

Corps Signals

All ranks will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th and Thursday, 13th February, 1936.

M. G. Troop

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 11th February at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.

Armoured Car Section

Section will parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 11th February at 5.15 p.m. prompt for Rifle Practice on Kennedy Road Range.

All ranks are requested to be at Corps Headquarters as early as possible after 5 p.m. to draw their rifles etc. from Store, so that an early start can be made, the light being unsuitable for firing after 6 p.m.

Motor Machine Gun Section

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, 10th February, 1936 at 5.30 p.m. for elementary gun drill.

Full attendance requested, please.

No. 1 (M.G.) Company

Friday, 14th February, 1936.
Parade in mufti at 5.30 p.m.
Tests—Mechanism and I. A. All ranks must attend this parade.

Company Supper—This will be held at Corps Headquarters on Friday, 6th March, 1936.

Will all ranks note this date.

No. 2 (Scottish) Company

The Company will parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 13th February at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Training.

Recruits—Stoppages—under Cpl. E. M. Bryden.
Remainder—L. A.—under Sergt. G. G. Stopani-Thomson.

Strength—No. 2540. Pte. C. E. Maberly, joined 30.1.36, is posted to No. 2 Subsection, No. 6 Platoon.

Classification—M. G. Part II.—The following have been qualified as 1st class Machine Gunners and are entitled to wear the M. G. Badge (without wreath) for one year:—

Sergt. G. G. Stopani-Thomson, Cpl. E. M. Bryden, Cpl. C. R. Logan, L/Cpl. A. K. Machenzie, L/Cpl. W. K. Robinson.

Privates—W. N. Bayers, D. L. Prophet, A. A. Bremner, E. W. Coulson, J. P. White, G. Milne, H. W. Bonner, I. S. Forbes, V. M. Hast, W. C. Tillery, J. B. Sturgeon, G. A. Stewart and T. Swan.

PARADE

No. 3 (M.G.) Company
The Company will parade at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 10th February for "Gas Drill" under Lieut. C. de S. Robertson, M. M.

Dress—Mufti, no equipment.
Box Respirators will be issued between 5 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 13th February 1936.
Classification Tests on "Arms Drill," "Squad Drill" and "Gas Drill" will be held for those who wish to qualify, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

Dress—Mufti and "Arms Drill"—Belt, Frog, Rifle and Bayonet.
"Squad Drill"—No equipment required.

"Gas Drill"—Box Respirator.
M. G. Bn. Signal Section
Section will parade in Subsections as follows:

Subsection "A" V.T. Station work. Complete messages.
Figure check Reference.
Signal Training Chapter I.

Section 65 to 68.
Subsection "B" V.T. Station work. Complete messages.
Figure check Reference.
Signal Training Chapter I.

More Than Friendship

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Sometimes, I noticed, she would disappear from London for a week at a time, and perhaps send me a telegram from the north.

Then, without warning, she would come back, send off a sheaf of cables, and start playing golf for another fortnight.

I first heard of her interest in the De Lancing project from a

man with whom we dined at the Ritz one morning.

The reference was brief. The conversation swung over smoothly to more general matters. But a chance reference by someone else to the same proposition a week later made me curious.

"What's this De Lancing business?" I asked her.

"It's a mining development my people are backing," she said eventually.

"Is it good?"

Again she paused.

"It's one thing or the other. As an investment, of course, it's an idiotic gamble."

"I wouldn't like to say whether it was all right, Jim. I make a point of never recommending speculative stock."

"Anyway, don't let's talk business."

For a week or two I forgot all about it, only for it to crop up again when I glanced through my monthly price list, which I get over from my man in New York.

At the time I had money to burn. I had been lucky, amazingly lucky, and I believed in chasing my luck.

"Well, it's up to you," Diana said finally, after I had told her I wanted to plunge. "Don't say I didn't warn you."

"Look here," I replied. "I'll cable New York and get their advice."

She dismissed the matter as though it didn't matter. I must say that for Diana. No woman had a more admirable habit of mixing business with pleasure.

The reply came along a day or two later.

Old Chambers, no doubt remembering the 20-dollar luncheon he had taken from me the last time I was over there, was obstinately useless.

He sat on the fence in a cable so long that his cost must have given him a sleepless night.

He emphasised that the proposition was a bigger gamble than a sweepstake, that the mine had so far brought forth nothing except stocks and shares.

At the same time he pointed out, with a fine show of impartiality, it was anyway too early yet to expect results.

The "inside" talk on Wall Street was favourable.

He didn't want to advise, but he did mention that there was a whole heap of "wise" money going into that mine.

That settled it.

The identical phrase had been used by Smith—or whatever the fellow's name was, for I did not know him very well—when Diana and I had been chatting with him at Lord's the week before.

While, as I say, I believed in chasing my luck, I didn't intend to chase it too stupidly. I had a word with my own broker in London.

"It's risky," he said eventually. "The house behind it is a new one, but, judging by market reports, seems to have all the money in the world at its disposal. You might make several hundred per cent."

"Or lose the lot, I suppose?"

Well, anyway, I decided to do it. I told Diana so over the telephone.

"How much?" she asked.

"Twenty thousand."

I was flattered at the respectful silence on the line. I do not suppose Diana had imagined I could play about with that much money.

"Well, there's one born every minute," she said finally.

So, just to clinch it, we had lunch that particular morning. We need not have had lunch. I know, but it made as good an excuse as any.

I remember the meal well, for it was a particularly good one, and Diana was looking her best. Several times over the time, I wondered whether the time was not ripe for me to state our relationship into a more enduring one. But I said nothing that could have spoilt the occasion.

There was plenty of time. She made a pretty gesture at the end of the meal, when we were about to start on cigarettes.

Producing a gold case from her handbag, she placed it on the plate in front of me.

"That's for you," she said simply.

"Whatever for?"

"My dear boy, I'm in on two per cent of everything I get for the De Lancing scheme."

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E/Asia Mar. 20 Mar. 22	Mar. 24 Mar. 26	Mar. 28 Mar. 30	Mar. 31 Apr. 2		
E/Canada Apr. 3 Apr. 5	Apr. 8 Apr. 10	Apr. 17 Apr. 19	Apr. 22 Apr. 24		
E/Russia Apr. 17 Apr. 19	Apr. 21 Apr. 23	Apr. 28 Apr. 30	May 4 May 6		
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E/Asia May 15 May 17	May 19 May 21	May 24 May 26	May 27 May 29		
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E/Russia June 12 June 14	June 16 June 18	June 23 June 25	June 27 June 29		
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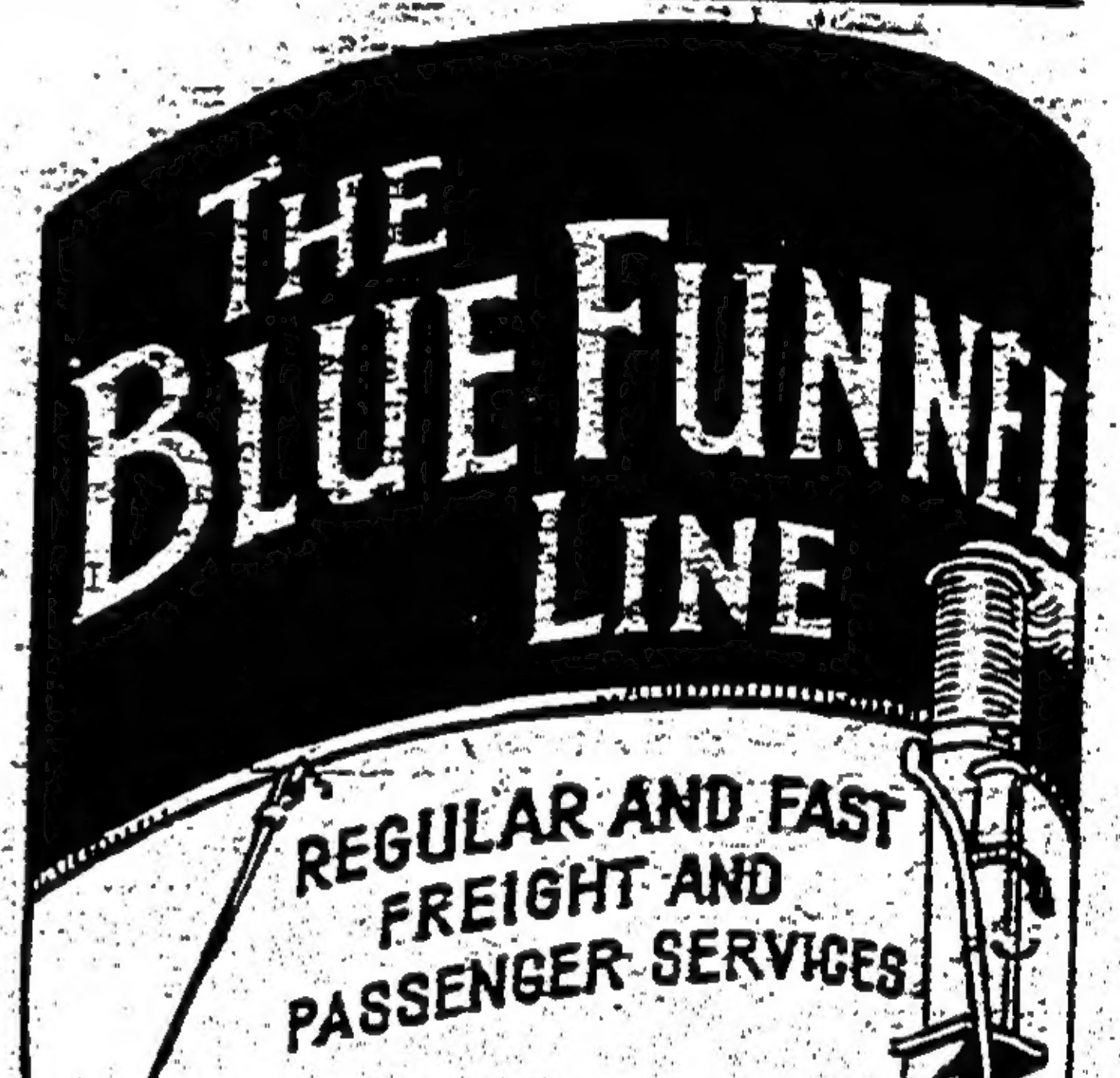
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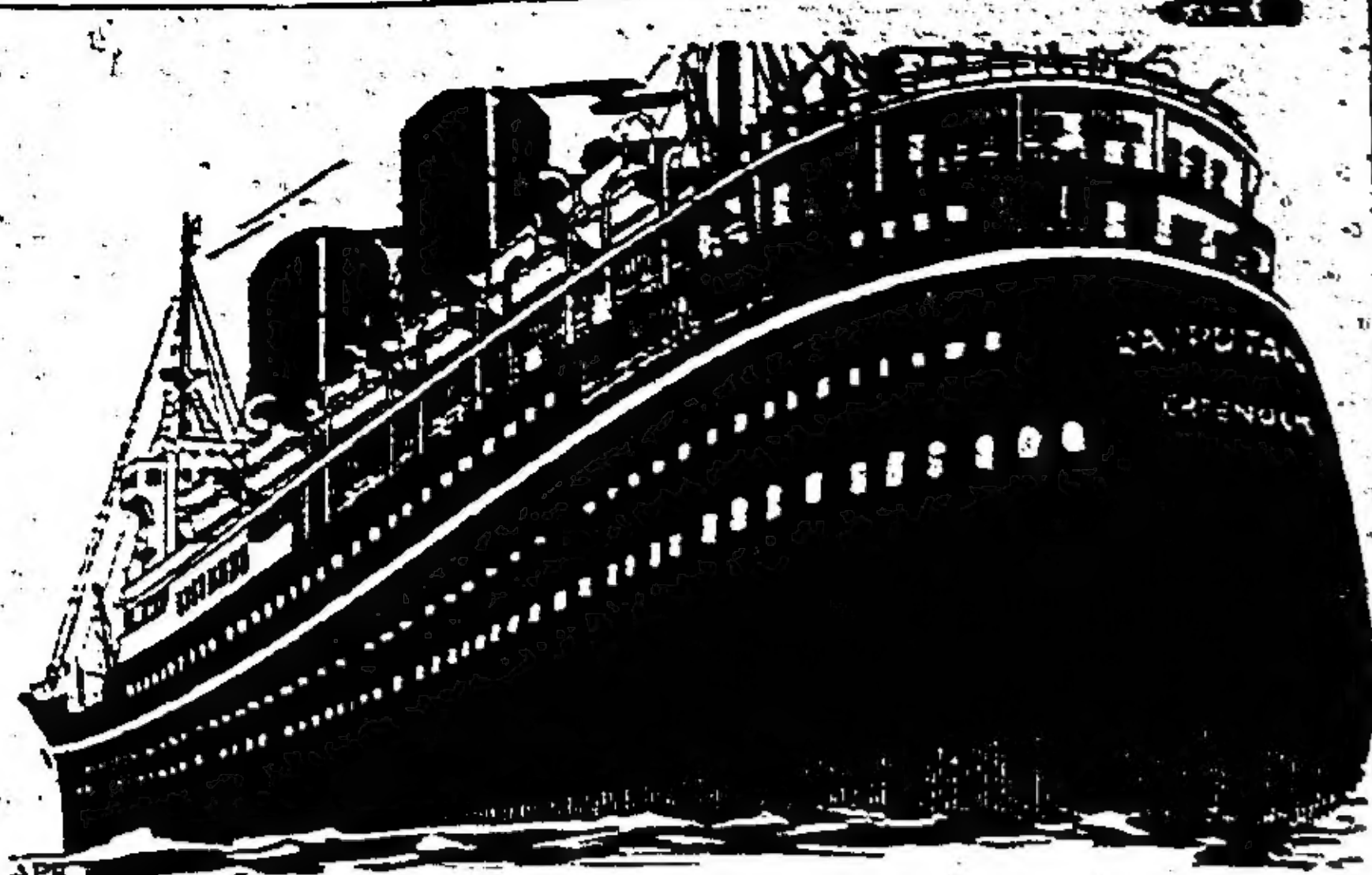
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BRAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Mar	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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RANCHI	17,000	4th Apr	Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	18th Apr	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BANGALORE	6,000	25th Apr	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
CARTHAGE	14,500	2nd May	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
SHUTAN	6,000	23rd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BRAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	25th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	8th Aug	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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*SOMALI	7,000	19th Feb	Shanghai & Japan.
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EUROPEAN TRADE IN MID-AFRICA

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Powers had to be trusted to keep their word. In this respect, as in others, the post-war Mandates assigned by the Allied Powers for the ex-German colonies of the Cameroons and Tanganyika, to France (for the most part) and to Great Britain respectively, have considerably strengthened the Free Trade regime.

The Mandates Committee of the League receives annual reports on the mandated territories, and is particularly careful to notice any attempt on the part of the mandatory to secure special privileges for his nationals. The Mandates provide for the fullest commercial equality for nationals of the League-member States, which in practice is also enjoyed by Americans, despite the refusal of the United States to share the responsibility of League membership.

Mandates Go Further

The Mandates go further than the Congo Act in definitely prohibiting any military establishments, apart from police to keep order and a modest force for defence. Military training of the natives, except for these purposes, is forbidden. Whether Germany before 1914 did or did not build up considerable native forces is a controversial question that remains open. But the belief that she did accounts for the insertion of the prohibition in the Mandates.

For 50 years, then, traders of all nations have on the whole enjoyed equal access to the resources of the vast territories of tropical Africa, of which everyone thinks first when such questions are mooted. There are no other regions with similar potentialities under the direct control of European Powers.

What Is Behind Demand?

Australia alone can determine the future of her empty north. Brazil alone the future of her unknown interior, which in point of area, if not of climate, could absorb millions of emigrants. It is difficult to see how, from a commercial standpoint, the provisions of the Congo Act and the Mandates could be improved.

It may be, however, that the Powers which insist on their right to expand want more than "access to markets," and that they really aim at territorial acquisitions. That, of course, raises political issues, and implies that they have no real commercial grievances. They are, in fact, as free to trade with tropical Africa as the nations who now protect it.

SAFER THAN RAIL AND SEA

300 Calves Go By Aeroplane

Three hundred calves bred from English stock have been transported by aeroplane from Lima to Cuzco in Peru. They are intended for stock raising purposes, and the aeroplane has provided a safer and healthier method of transport than the long journey by coastal steamship, followed by tedious and protracted mountain railway stages.

The air distance is only 360 miles, and the aeroplane flight takes less than four hours. By the boat and railway journey experience shows that as many as 50 per cent. casualties may be suffered.

Single-engine passenger monoplanes are used, the cabin fixtures being removed for the accommodation of the calves. Ten are sometimes carried in one machine, their total weight being about 1,000lb.

Each animal is secured in a sack, except for its head, as a precaution against air "bumps."

WATER-COOLED PLANES DISCARDED

Water-cooled engines, widely used in commercial planes about 1925, have practically disappeared. This type of power plant appeared in only about 1 per cent. of the planes produced in 1934.



for STAMP COLLECTORS

By A. E. L.

OTTAWA might, at some future date, issue a set of commemorative stamps upon the reproductions of historical points of interest found in the west.

Vancouver's meeting with the Spanish, Fraser's magnificent trip to the west, scenes of the Cariboo trail, the coming to the coast of the Princess Royal in 1854, and the Spanish discovery of the Malaspina galleries are some of the historic scenes that would lend themselves well to reproduction on a set of postage stamps.

Those who conceived the scheme are to be congratulated. There has not been enough attention paid to this part of Canada on issues in the past.

The Famous "Mafeking"

OUTSTANDING among the stamps that attract Scout collectors is the "Mafeking" of Cape of Good Hope, born at the siege of Mafeking in the Boer War, where the idea of the Boy Scout Movement also originated. The stamp bears a portrait of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the British Boy Scouts, who, as colonel, commanded the besieged garrison. Mafeking, a post on the road from Kimberley to Bulawayo in South Rhodesia, was surrounded and attacked by the Boers shortly after hostilities began in 1899. But the defenders held out for 218 days until the siege was lifted.

During that period a continuous bombardment by the Boers forced the village and the garrison of 1,000 to dig themselves in. Mafeking became an underground city, and to break the monotony of its existence various forms of recreation were tried. Correspondence between members of the camp proved very successful. The supply of regular stamps of Cape of Good Hope and Bechuanaland, needed for mail taken through the Boer lines by blockade runners, was found inadequate for this purpose, so two special stamps, blue-printed on laid paper, were issued, for one penny and three-pence.

Design Of The Stamp

THE penny design shows Sergeant Major Goodyear, a blockade runner, on a bicycle; the three-pence bears a bust portrait of Colonel Baden-Powell in uniform. The use of his portrait was unauthorized by the colonel.

DIESEL SPEED RECORDS

Captain Eyston's Feats

WHEEL LOST AT 104 M.P.H.

Six Diesel-engined car records were recently broken, including the hour record at 103.01 m.p.h., by Captain G. E. T. Eyston at Montlhery, before the loss of a front wheel brought the run to a dramatic finish. At the time the car was doing over 104 m.p.h., and it was only the skill of A. Denby, Eyston's co-driver who was then at the wheel, that kept the car on the track.

Capt. Eyston had set out to establish 100 m.p.h. for 24 hours with his A.E.C. Diesel engine streamlined saloon, and when the attempt came to an end had established world records for 50 kilometres at 98.68 m.p.h., 50 miles at 101.24 m.p.h., 100 kilometres at 101.92 m.p.h., 200 kilometres at 103.21 m.p.h., and 1 hour at 103.01 m.p.h.

It is interesting to note that the A.E.C. 6-cylinder oil engine used is almost standard with 95 per cent. of the makers' output and is similar to the type employed in London's buses.

EARLY MONOPLANE

The monoplane in which Jules Verne, a Frenchman, set a speed record of 105 miles an hour in 1925 was reported to have cost \$600,000. This included cost of experimentation and construction.

but because of a lack of paper and because the post was a local affair the stamps were allowed. A few of them, however, got through to the outside world, and when the siege was lifted in 1900 these caused some adverse criticism of the colonel, since his likeness had appeared on the stamps instead of Queen Victoria's.

Czech Problem Solution?

A DIFFICULTY confronting the postal authorities at Prague may be solved by the issue of a set of stamps bearing the heads of both the present President of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Benes, and the late President, Dr. Masaryk. Officials were hoping to commemorate the election of the new President with stamps bearing the head of Dr. Benes.

But since the first President of the Republic, Dr. T. G. Masaryk, Czechoslovakia's "Liberator President," is still alive, it was felt that there would be a lack of tact and taste in replacing Masaryk stamps with a Benes issue.

The probable solution will be a stamp on which will appear the heads of both the retired President and his successor.

TRANS-ATLANTIC SERVICE

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The erection of wireless stations at all main centres on inland air routes and the establishment of a radio beacon system for air liners.

The completion of several British air liners capable of speeds up to 200 miles an hour.

Ambitious Programme is no mere prophesy or idle speculation about "things to come." The seeds of most of these developments have already been sown in the year now ended.

In particular, the expansion scheme of the B.A.F. has been proceeding without hitch most of last year, and before the end of 1936 we shall be better armed by at least 1,000 new aircraft. The full fruit of the policies outlined herein will not be gathered until 1937, by which year the expansion of the B.A.F. should be complete if the time-table is adhered to.

By then also the Empire routes will be served with the flying boats to be completed this year and we must wait also until 1937 for the speeding up of our air routes.

The Air Ministry will present a Bill seeking, among other things, powers for greater control over air discipline. Now that commercial aviation is rapidly advancing, the safety of all forms of air traffic grows in importance.

Wide Powers

To increase it, the Air Ministry must have wide powers which can be applied as local circumstances dictate. At the same time there will be legislation to relax control of some sides of civil aviation and to secure a satisfactory arrangement for the insurance of the private airman.

Conquering The Atlantic. The greatest interest during the year will be focused on the activities of Imperial Airways. Their new fleet will be all but ready by the end of 1936. Their first attempts to conquer the Atlantic will have been made.

Plans for the extension of the Australia route to New Zealand will be promoted and the first service may even be begun.

The future Atlantic flying boats, of perhaps 50,000lbs. gross weight and more, with a fuel load of 3,500 miles to cross the 2,000 miles of open ocean in the teeth of the strongest head winds, will be designed during 1936. Such boats will, together with this fuel load, carry up to 20 passengers, mail, baggage, and freight. But it will be the end of 1937 or later before new and magnificent flying boats are ready. First, a great deal of experience in operating a mail route over the ocean must be gathered.

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More Than Friendship

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"But, darling, this is quite unnecessary."

"Don't be silly," she laughed. "Anyway, it may be the only dividend these stocks will ever pay."

And we both thought the remark boisterously funny. The most amusing thing about the morning, however, occurred a minute or two later, when Diana leant over to me and started whispering.

"Have you noticed those four men in the corner?"

I had not. I had developed an unfortunate habit of not noticing anybody else when I was with Diana.

I looked at them. They certainly were an amusing collection. The guest of honour, quite obviously, was a bulky man of about 60, looking as though he was now enjoying life after 40 over-worked years in the cotton trade.

He had large white eyebrows, small eyes, a red, well-preserved face, and a disarming smile—the sort of smile that comes to a man when he has thrown care aside and is at last out to enjoy himself.

One of the things I noticed about him was his voice—so unusually thin and shrill for a heavy man, a voice you might have expected to find on some snip of a fellow half his size.

The other three were a good deal younger.

One of them, who talked very little, but seemed to be enjoying himself immensely, was young enough to be his son.

The most prominent of the trio, though, was an unusually well-tailored man who affected a short, pointed beard, and had rather too pronounced a taste in cuff-links.

He was talking easily, and at some speed, with a suggestion of a foreign accent.

Having evidently decided to make himself the life and soul of the party, he was quite obviously succeeding. That almost boyish laugh of the old man's bubbled incessantly.

"Notice anything about them?" Diana asked.

I gave them another glance. The waiter was arriving with a tray of liqueurs. The old fellow cupped his hands around his brain, quivering with mirth.

"The idea struck me, just as it had her."

"Oh, nonsense, darling," I grinned.

"But, Jim, it's a perfect set-up. The old chap's quite obviously the dumbest egg that ever escaped unhatched."

"The boy with the beard and the cigarette-holder—he must have imported that holder straight from Phillips Oppenheim—is just about to take him for his shirt and all."

We laughed at it for some minutes. Of course, the theory was fantastic. I knew perfectly well that there were "confidence tricksters" in the world, fellows who lived by telling the same old tale in the same old way, and catching a surprising number of idiots.

I once even played a modest poker game with a man who afterwards did five years for selling something which did not belong to him.

But this quartette was so blatant that it was obviously perfect to innocent.

"Dash it," I said finally. "If you suddenly saw that lot on a film you'd say that the director must be gathered."

had over-drawn his characters. They simply scream."

"He lit another cigarette. 'Well, Jim, I wouldn't mind betting on it.'"

Ten minutes later we wandered off. The men were still at the li-queur stage. Conversation was flowing easily, darting from subject to subject. The old gentleman was having 'the time of his life.' For myself, I felt blissfully happy.

I had concluded a deal, lunched with one of the most attractive women in London, and mentally decided on a still more sustained siege of that charming young woman.

Nothing was more amusing than to take a last, lingering look at the old fellow in the nest of cultures.

Strangely enough, I remembered his face. I do not think I have ever seen innocence so completely expressed in one man before.

It was a face in a million. I saw it again last week, in one of the American papers I have sent over to me.

Next to it was a picture of Diana—she had gone back to New York the week after that luncheon.

"Nipper Strakey," said the caption, written in that queer but colourful jargon beloved of the New York popular Press, "who went up to Sing Sing for 10 years last week."

Known in the Bowery as Nipper the Angel, the old chap with the perfect face, he was arrested at the docks on his return from Europe, information having been laid against him by three of London Scotland Yard men, who set a trap for him in a fashionable grill room.

"His accomplice, Diana Keyes, who is said to have taken mugs on both sides of the Atlantic on a 280,000-dollar ride in the De Lancing bucket shop—said to be the biggest 'con' job of the last five years—is still at large."

So, unfortunately, is my cigarette case. The gold one. It was whisked from my pocket in the crowd at Alexandra Park the other Saturday.

(THE END)

LARGE ORDER FOR PROPELLERS

Placed By British Air Ministry

It is learned that a substantial order, valued at over £400,000, is to be placed with the De Havilland Aircraft Company by the Air Ministry for a large number of variable-pitch propellers.

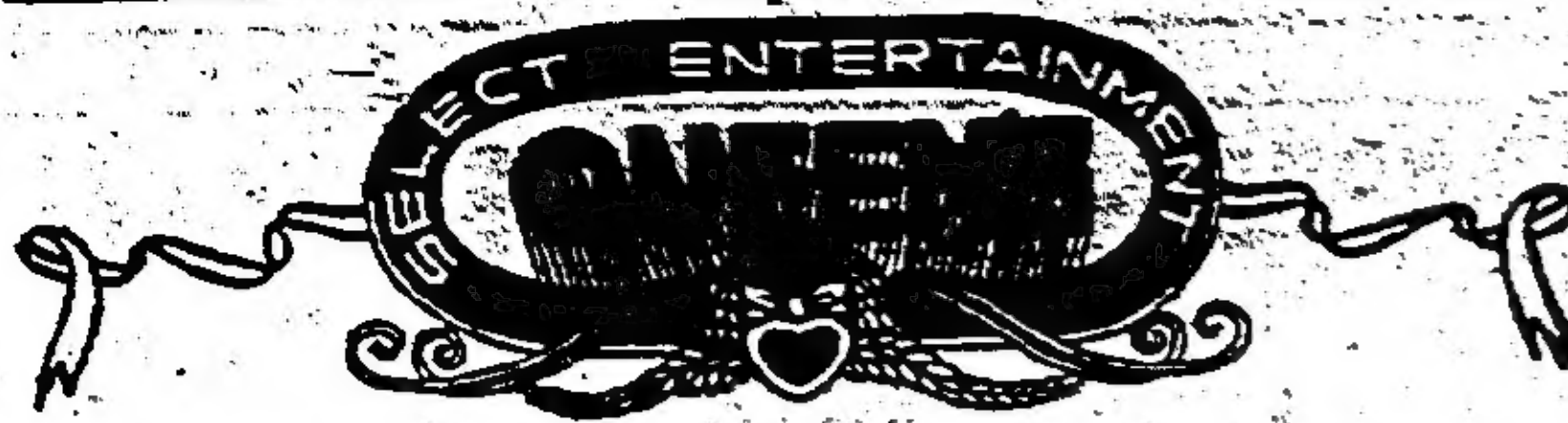
A these are sold at £575 each, the total number of aircrafts may be as high as 600. They will be used for engines which will be required in connection with the R. A. F. expansion scheme.

The order is the largest ever placed by the Air Ministry with this firm.

De Havilland have found that the speed of their Dragon air-liners has been increased by 20 m.p.h. by the use of these "gear-changing" propellers fixed to the Gipsy engines.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED

Ellen Firth, an employee of a restaurant in Charing Cross-road, died in hospital from burning injuries received while at work.



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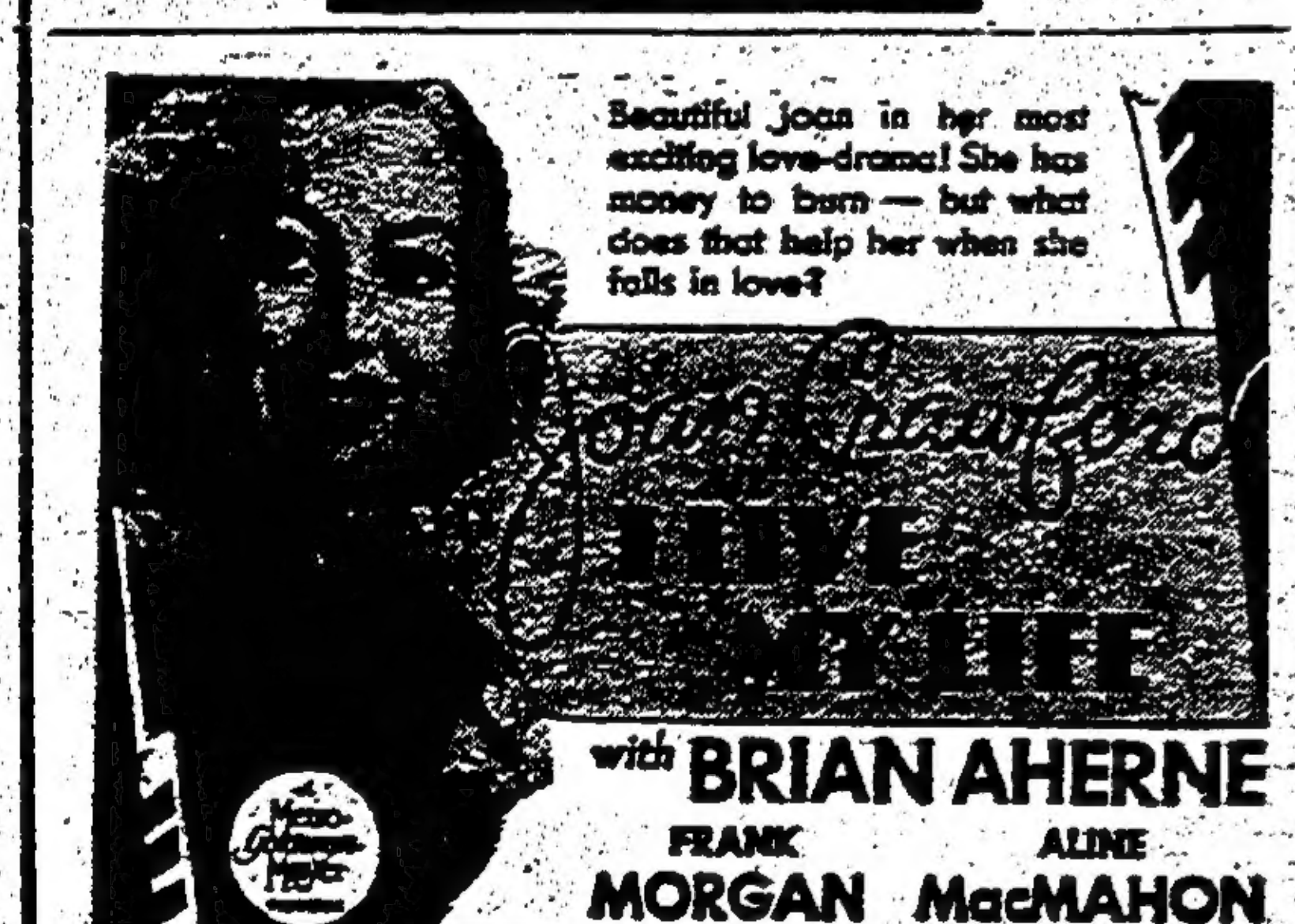
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ULTRA-VIOLET RAY SUMMONS

Doctor's Sanction Unsought

PROTEST AGAINST LICENCE TERMS

London.—Mr. Alexander C. Barthels, of Weymouth House, Hallam-street, W., who was summoned by the L.C.C. at Marlborough-street police-court recently, pleaded guilty to giving ultra-violet ray treatment to a patient without the supervision of a medical practitioner.

The summons, which accused Mr. Barthels of unlawfully running a special treatment establishment otherwise than in accordance with his licence, was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act by Mr. Harold McKenna, who ordered him to pay £5 5s to the L.C.C. for expenses.

Mr. K. P. Cannon, prosecuting, said that when Mr. Barthels was seen by an L.C.C. inspector he said: "I will give you every facility for detecting the way in which I administer ultra-violet ray treatment without the sanction of a registered medical practitioner."

Unnecessary Condition
He told the inspector, Mr. Cannon continued, that, in his opinion, the condition which attached to his licence respecting a medical practitioner having to give him sanction for such treatment should not have been inserted by the L.C.C. He further said that he did not propose to seek the sanction of a doctor.

Mrs. Rachel Constance McKenna, Inspector of Massage and Special Treatment Establishments under the L.C.C., said that she was invited to see a patient receiving ultra-violet ray treatment at Weymouth House.

"I asked the patient if she had seen a doctor and had a doctor recommended treatment," said Mrs. McKenna. "She said she had been to many doctors before and had not received any benefit, and so she decided to try Mr. Barthels."

Question Of Morality
Replying to Mr. H. H. Hanworth (for Mr. Barthels), the inspector said that a large part of her duty was to see that the establishments were properly conducted; but the question of morality did not arise in this case.

Mr. Hanworth began to examine the inspector as to the competence of Mr. Barthels when the magistrate said that the question of competence did not enter into the ambit of the enquiry. They would assume that he was the most competent person in the world.

Mr. Barthels, said Mr. Hanworth, had all kinds of certificates from Edinburgh University. The offence in this case was purely a technical breach. He gave an undertaking that he would not in the future breach.

Mr. Barthels would have the right to appeal against the condition attached to his licence.

LIED TO HER HUSBAND

"I Was Afraid He Would Not Love Me"

When a newly married wife, Kathleen Farrar, of Beckenham, was charged at Marylebone police-court last month with wholesale shoplifting, she confessed in the presence of her husband that she had lied to him. "I was afraid," she said, "that he would not love me any more."

According to the husband, she had told him she had gone shopping with a strange woman whom she met in a teashop. The stranger left her in a store to mind some parcels, and did not come back.

A woman detective said that, when stopped, Mrs. Farrar exclaimed: "What will my husband say? I have only been married three weeks."

Mrs. Farrar was placed on probation for two years.

NEW RUBBER EXCHANGE OPENED IN LONDON

London, to-day.—The new Rubber Exchange was opened in London yesterday by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman. Messages of congratulations were received from Rubber Trade Associations in all parts of the world. British Wireless Service.

BANK NOTES IN CIRCULATION

January Returns Published

"GAZETTE" NOTIFICATION

The Government Gazette publishes the returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of Hong Kong Government Certificates of Indebtedness in Hong Kong during the month ended January 31, as certified by the managers of the respective banks, as follows:—

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China: Average amount, \$24,329,887; Government Certificates of Indebtedness, \$8,300,000. (In addition sterling securities are deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$758,000).

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation: Average amount, \$125,051,401; Government Certificates of Indebtedness, \$118,235,348. (In addition securities are deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$3,284,000).

Mercantile Bank of India, Limited: Average amount, \$2,134,849; Government Certificates of Indebtedness, \$1,151,200. (In addition securities are deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$190,000, consisting of 4½ per cent. Conversion War Loan, 1940-41, the latest market price of which was 111¼-112¼).

FIRE ENGINES TURN OUT

Only To Rescue A Painter

Fire engines, an ambulance van, a public ambulance and police were rushed to King's College, Strand, W.C., recently.

The services of the ambulance only were required—to take away a paint-bespattered man who had fallen through an iron grating.

He was Arthur Barber, of Remington-road, East Ham, a painter employed on redecorating the outside of the building. He fell from an iron railing and bars of the grating.

Two workmen forced the bars imprisoning the man and released him before the arrival of outside assistance. Barber was taken to Charing Cross Hospital with injuries to his legs.

BRITISH COLONIAL POSSESSIONS

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templed to the principle of trusteeship to which the British Colonial Administration generally conforms in practice, and which is embodied more formally in the League of Nations mandate system.

The other school repudiates any idea of the cession of the responsibilities Britain has assumed and deprecates the doubts which may be created in colonial areas by such discussions.

VISCOUNT ELIHAN'S DEMAND
In the House of Lords Viscount Elihan proposes to call attention to the "sense of misgiving and unrest being aroused in the minds of the inhabitants of British Colonies by the suggestions now being made in letters to the press and elsewhere for the handing over of the British Colonies to other nations, either directly or under League of Nations Mandates, and to ask His Majesty's Government to declare their policy in this matter." The motion will be debated in March.

COMMONS DEBATE
Next Wednesday in the House of Commons questions will be addressed both to the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary for the Colonies. Both ask for assurances from the Government. The Liberal member, Mr. Mander, wishes for confirmation that the Government has no intention of handing over territories held under British Mandate, and Sir Henry Page-Croft desires a guarantee that the Government is not prepared to "make the British Colonies the subject of barter in any world conference." British Wireless Service.

WEATHER REPORT

Cloudy weather, with moderate north-east winds, is the weather forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

CASTAWAYS ON SMALL ROCK

Washed By Seas For Three Days

WRECK SURVIVORS' VIVID STORY

London.—A dramatic account of how 50 people, including four women, spent three days and nights on a rock 30 ft. by 10 ft., with no drink and no food but salmon, after their ship had sunk was given by survivors of the London steamer Silverhazel (5,307 tons) when they arrived at Tilbury last month.

The Silverhazel struck a rock in the San Bernardino straits, in the Philippines, last November, and broke in half. The crew of 45 and five passengers were able to scramble on to the rock.

Ships were standing by, but were unable to take them off owing to the heavy seas. Eventually the survivors made small rafts and were rescued. Two died later.

Typhoon Threat
Mr. N. H. Bloye, the Silverhazel's chief officer, on his arrival in London, said:

"It is a miracle that we are here. We managed to get along on salmon right enough, but at nights in the bitter cold with waves breaking over us and a typhoon threatening you can imagine what our feelings were. We tried to keep ourselves in good spirits by singing, but the job was to get safely snuggled down on the most treacherous piece of small rock you could imagine."

Mr. Frederick Clayton, the chief engineer, said time and again boats from the U.S. destroyer Peary endeavoured to take the castaways off, but the waves always defeated them.

Jump For It

"We had to come to the determination that we would have to jump for it," he added. "We saved all the lumber wood we could and rigged crude rafts. When it came to the point everyone, the women particularly, acted with coolness and courage."

A member of the crew, James McGilchrist, of Berkeley-street, Glasgow, paid tribute to the coolness of Chief Officer Bloye. "He did marvellous work," he said. "We had a lot of rope and he rigged this up so that we could hold on when big waves broke over us. We knew help was coming, but big waves were threatening every minute to wash us away."

Tried To Sing

"We often tried to sing, but it was strange to hear our attempts at trying to be merry when we were half-frozen to death."

Other members of the crew referred to the death of their captain, Mr. H. Leonard, who was the last to leave the rock. He had a dog in his arms as he jumped into the sea with the rest of the survivors in the attempt to reach the waiting boats, but he was swept away by the waves and never seen again.

EFFICIENCY MEDALS

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Lieutenant Andrew Walton Brown, C. S. Major Robert Harper George Charles, Lieutenant Alexander Urquhart, E. Q. M. Sergeant Albert Edward Kew, C. S. other nations, either directly or M.B.E., G. Q. M. Sergeant Joseph Arthur Howe, Sergeant-Drummer Wilson Brown, Corporal Joseph Victor Ramsay, Lance Bombardier Charles Edward Moore, Private Alfred Morley, Gunner Henry Thomas Burton, Private George Hamilton Cuthill, Sergeant William Francis Webb, and Private Hermann Baleson.

OLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY

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The United States won the second match, against Switzerland, by 2 goals to 0, while Belgium had to bow down to a second defeat in their match against Czechoslovakia, losing by 5-1.

In the afternoon England won a hard-fought victory against Sweden by the only goal and Hungary beat France three nil.

Germany beat Italy in their ice hockey encounter by 3 goals to 0. Trans-Ocean Service.

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